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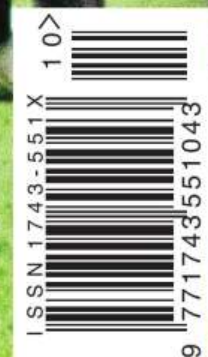
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YES, MY LIST CAN DELIVER

Fergie's 10 to follow for the new National Hunt season

AUX PTITS SOINS (PAUL NICHOLLS)

The fact that Paul Nicholls was prepared to pitch this horse into the Coral Cup on his British debut and just his third career start over hurdles speaks volumes and the fact that Aux Ptits Soins was able to win such a race, despite his inexperience, marks him down as a serious prospect.

The grey didn't jump particularly fluently at Cheltenham, yet could still win one of the most hotly-contested handicap hurdles of the season on the back of a six month lay-off, and he is now expected to take high rank in the novice chase division.

The five-year-old would have more to offer over hurdles, but is expected to head straight over fences and the Rising Stars Novices' Chase at Wincanton in early November is the first race to spring to mind. The Feltham might well be considered over Christmas, but he looks speedy enough to be competitive over 2m4f and he could well develop into a leading contender for the JLT as the season goes on.

CHARBEL (KIM BAILEY)

Following the Cheltenham Festival success of Darna, owners Julie and David Martin forked out £280,000 to acquire dual bumper winner Charbel, who should make up into a smart novice hurdler for Kim Bailey.

Impressive at both Leopardstown and Limerick, when ridden with complete confidence by Patrick Mullins, the

four-year-old went on to run a sound fourth to Bellshill in the Grade 1 at Punchestown, finishing just 6l off Willie Mullins' winner.

The son of Iffraaj might not boast the perfect pedigree for hurdles, but he is certainly built for the job and clearly has a big engine to go with his physique. At home on testing ground, it will be disappointing if he doesn't develop into a graded class novice this winter.

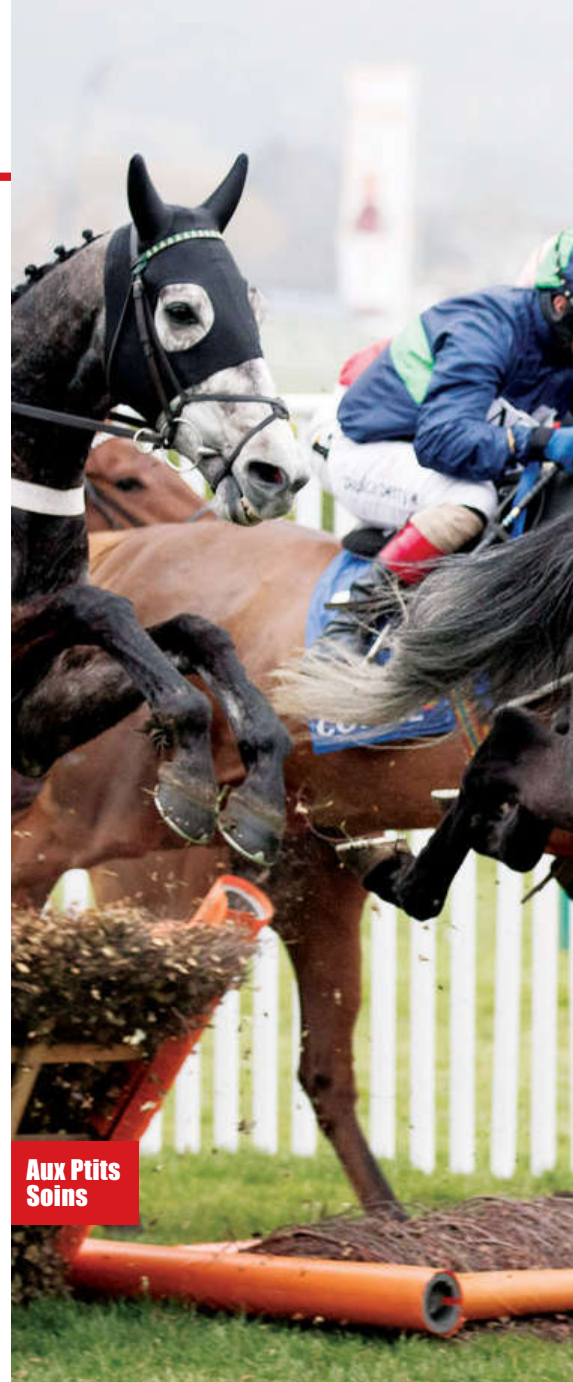
CYRUS DARIUS (MALCOLM JEFFERSON)

In the space of five-and-a-half weeks during the spring, Cyrus Darius sprang to prominence in the novice hurdle division and he rates an exciting prospect for novice chases this season.

Malcolm Jefferson's Overbury gelding had shown promise in a couple of bumpers and returned from a break to win novice hurdles at Newcastle and Hexham during March, before completing the hat-trick in impressive fashion in Aintree's Grade 2 Top Novices' Hurdle.

Always considered as a chaser in the making, the fact he is already a six-year-old is probably the reason that he embarks on his chasing career after just three hurdles starts and is likely to be difficult to beat over fences in the north.

He has raced exclusively over the minimum trip to date, but he should get an extra half-mile to give connections extra options. He could easily rattle up a sequence before being forced to head



Aux Ptits Soins

south and connections will no doubt be hoping that he develops into a Cheltenham or Aintree contender.

KRUGERMAC (GARY MOORE)

Purchased for £185,000 on the back of a hugely promising debut at the Punchestown Festival, Krugermac has joined the yard of Gary Moore and he rates a smart prospect for novice hurdles.

The son of Kalanisi travelled strongly throughout the concluding contest of this year's festival and beat all bar the exciting and highly-regarded Nambour, who also rates as a serious prospect for the months ahead. A good-looking four-year-old, he is more than capable of winning a bumper before he is sent over hurdles and it wouldn't be a huge surprise to see him debut for his new connections in that sphere at Fontwell.



Moore tends to be associated with his exploits in handicap hurdles, but he has won graded novice events with Sire De Grugy and Ubak, so he knows how to handle a high-class youngster when he has one on his hands.

MINELLA ROCCO (JONJO O'NEILL)

Of all the horses Barry Geraghty has to look forward to this season, in his new job as retained jockey to JP McManus, Minella Rocco must be fairly high up the list.

Jonjo O'Neill's expensive purchase made a huge impact during February, despite only winning a couple of midweek novice hurdles. A 61 success over the highly-regarded West Wizard at Kempton preceded an effortless victory at Newbury just three weeks later.

The five-year-old, who beat the useful Taj Badalandabad in a four-year-old



maiden point at Horse And Jockey before joining current connections, hurdled really fluently at Newbury and the further he went, the better he looked. Indeed, he was expected to step up to 3m for the Sefton at Aintree and he was trading as favourite on the morning of the race, before being declared a non-runner.

Expected to embark on a novice chase campaign on his return, he would be capable of winning a handicap hurdle from his current mark should connections have a change of heart and the fixed brush hurdle at Haydock in November would appeal as a possible starting point. If, as expected, he goes straight over fences, the Feltham back at Kempton on Boxing Day could become a possibility should he get off the mark in the opening months of the season.

MOON RACER (DAVID PIPE)

Another expensive purchase ahead of last season, Moon Racer had won a valuable sales bumper at Fairyhouse on his sole start for Michael Ronayne and he made an impressive start to his career in the UK, when running away with a Cheltenham bumper last October.

The Saffron Walden gelding beat the smart Arabic History by an easy 111 and that performance persuaded connections to put him away and save him for the Champion Bumper. Their patience was rewarded when he landed the festival prize and he now rates a seriously exciting prospect for novice hurdles.

Bred to appreciate further, the six-year-old certainly didn't look devoid of pace and I thoroughly expect him to start off over the minimum trip. If David Pipe can get him out early in the campaign, the Grade 2 Sharp Novices' Hurdle at the Open meeting could become a realistic early season target and connections will no doubt be hopeful that he can make up into a live contender for either the Supreme or the Neptune.

OK CORRAL (NICKY HENDERSON)

Ridden intelligently by Barry Geraghty when making a winning racecourse debut in a Kempton bumper in early-February (didn't allow the race to turn into a sprint), Ok Corral went on to run a sound race in defeat the Punchestown Festival and he can be expected to make his mark in the better novice hurdles over 2m4f or further



Cyrus Darius

this season.

Ridden by Nina Carberry at Punchestown, the son of Mahler stayed on really strongly to chase home the exciting Yorkhill, with the pair pulling 171 clear of Up For Review in third, and the fourth home Sandymount Duke franked the form throughout the summer, winning four times over hurdles during June and July.

Nicky Henderson saddled Captain Cutter to finish runner-up in the same Punchestown bumper in 2013 before he would go on to land the Challow Hurdle the following December, and that Grade 1 could well be on Ok Corral's agenda, assuming all goes to plan on his hurdles debut. The five-year-old looks a lovely long-term prospect.

ROBINSFIRTH (COLIN TIZZARD)

A physically imposing six-year-old, Robinsfirth was sidelined after finishing fourth at Cheltenham on trials day, but he is expected to return this autumn.

The Flemensfirth gelding looks a staying

chaser in the making and that is undoubtedly where his future lies, but there is a chance connections will try and win a handicap hurdle beforehand. Whichever route he takes, Robinsfirth should be taken very seriously and, due to his size, the time off may not have been lost on him, as he will hopefully have filled into his huge frame.

A winner at Exeter in December, he travelled like the best horse for the majority of a Cheltenham novices' hurdle on New Year's Day and his return to action is eagerly anticipated. Colin Tizzard also has Native River and Thistlecrack to look forward to this winter, but Robinsfirth could end up being the pick of the trio, once sent chasing.

VALUE AT RISK (DAN SKELTON)

This could well be a pivotal season in the fledgling training career of Dan Skelton, as Paul Nicholls' former assistant appears to have a very strong team of young horses to go to war with, and it could well be that Value At Risk is the pick of the bunch.



Robinsfirth

A smart novice hurdler last term, he now goes chasing and, if looks are anything to go by, he really ought to flourish over the larger obstacles. A 221 winner on his debut for the stable in a Newbury novice hurdle in December, he finished runner-up at Cheltenham on trials day, before finishing fifth in an attritional renewal of the Albert Bartlett.

Despite the apparent strength in the depth in the division, the son of Kayf Tara should be expected to take high rank among this season's staying novice chasers and the RSA Chase is the obvious end of season target. Expected to make his debut in late October, he could then be aimed at Newbury's Hennessy meeting. Given how impressive he was at the Berkshire track last December, I'm already thinking of him as a possible Hennessy winner in 2016 – you heard it here first, just the 13 months in advance!

WAIT FOR ME (PHILIP HOBBS)

Third to Moon Racer in the Champion



OK Corral

Bumper, Wait For Me is another exciting novice hurdle prospect for the West Country and one that is likely to be campaigned over the minimum trip.

Philip Hobbs' five-year-old, who had created a deep impression when making a winning debut at Ascot a month earlier, was just about the last horse off the bridle at Cheltenham and, given how he moved throughout the race, he certainly possesses the requisite pace to be effective at a high level over 2m.

The Saint Des Saints gelding was in the right position (ridden prominently) when winning at Ascot, but he proved versatile in terms of both tactics and ground conditions at Cheltenham. Hobbs often uses the maiden hurdles at Cheltenham's October meeting or Newbury's Hennessy meeting to unleash his better novices and I'd expect one of those to be considered for Wait For Me. If all goes to plan in the first few months of the season, Sandown's Tolworth Hurdle is another likely target in early January. **RA**

JACK HOBBS CAN THRIVE AT LONGCHAMP

Paul Jacobs makes his big selections for October

Ever wondered why for days, sometimes even endless weeks, everything you punt seems to go against you? Well the past month has been a nightmare on the naps front for me with no fewer than 19 seconds from 30 selections.

The sequence was finally broken by an 11/1 nursery winner on Sept 6, but then normal service was resumed two days later when 10/1 shot Le Laitier was edged out by a neck.

However long your poor run of form lasts though, never change your policy or style of punting by backing some short priced horses merely to break the sequence. Better to stop betting altogether for a week or two.

And so we move onto October. There is a veritable feast of top class racing to sink our teeth into with the premier event being the Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp.

It doesn't take an oracle to tell you that if Treve turns up in the form she did last year that she will quite probably become the first three-time winner of this famous middle distance event.

The bookmakers will look for any excuse to cut a price in the market place and the victory of JACK HOBBS in the September Stakes proved that.

Sent off the 1/5 favourite at Kempton, the Irish Derby winner won as an odds-on shot should, but was immediately clipped into a top price 6/1 from 15/2! Why? If Usain Bolt wins his 100m first round race against no hoppers at the Olympics, would the bookies trim his



price? I have always believed that by the end of the season this scopey individual would rate higher than his stable companion Golden Horn and still believe that will be the case.

The Epsom Derby hero looked desperately in need of a rest when beaten at York and although he is probably a better horse over a mile and a half, the way Jack Hobbs' season has been structured and the fact that he is not averse to give in the ground makes him by far the more attractive proposition for Paris and I rate him the proverbial each-way bet to nothing at his current price.

It is rare that I back a horse ante-post some way off a big event, but as soon as he flashed past the post in the Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon I nabbed the 14/1 about DON'T TOUCH for the Ayr Gold Cup. Still available at 10/1, I think he

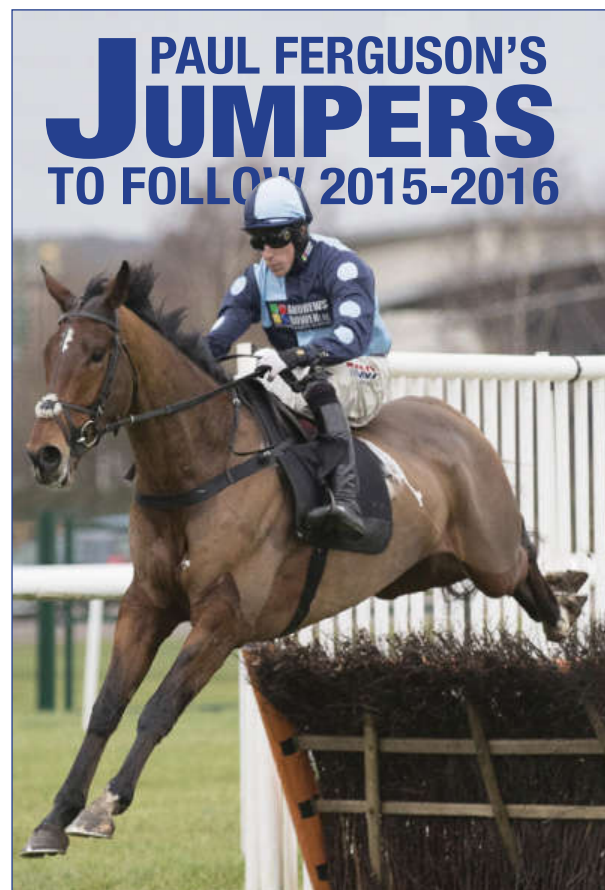
is great each-way value for the West of Scotland venue.

As far as horses to follow are concerned, I am convinced that FOX TROTTER will win a nice handicap before the season is out after he shaped with an abundance of promise at Ascot on September 5. He just needs an honest pace on soft ground to chase.

LAWYER needs some give in the ground to land a nice prize this backend, not disgraced in the London Mile Handicap Series Final at Kempton, while if the ground remains on the fast side SEEKING MAGIC, set to be dropped again after a mid-div run at Doncaster should be able to win off a mark of around 88.

But the big one to follow is GREEN HOWARD, desperately unlucky on his last two starts at Ripon and Musselburgh and surely a winner waiting to happen. **RA**

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DE SOUSA PATIENCE PAYS OFF

Jonathan Powell tells why Silvestre de Sousa would be a worthy champion

When the Mandarins at the grandly titled Great British Racing persuaded the BHA to take the daft decision to move the goalposts for this year's Jockeys' Championship they were probably hoping for a tight finish between the sport's most high-profile riders.

With Frankie Dettori no longer a realistic contender early ante post betting suggested that Richard Hughes or Ryan Moore would be stepping up to receive the trophy on Champion's day October 17 at Ascot which, absurdly, is fully three weeks before the last day's racing on turf in 2015.

One name that barely drew a mention for the title was Silvestre de Sousa who had been unceremoniously dumped by Godolphin towards the end of 2014. In one ante-post list he was dismissed at 100-1.

Elsewhere there was plenty of 66-1 available about the diminutive Brazilian jockey for the newly-truncated championship which, to widespread disbelief, did not begin until mid-April almost a month after the opening day of the Flat at Doncaster.

Yet with Moore still on the sidelines with a neck injury incurred in a freak stalls incident at Newmarket in July, and Richard Hughes retiring at the end of glorious Goodwood, it is the hard-working de Sousa who is poised to be champion jockey for the first time.

With a century of winners safely on the

board at the beginning of September he is, in racing terms, a furlong clear of his rivals.

It is a remarkable turn round in the fortunes of the man who spent more than two years in Ireland working for Dermot Weld without a single ride. The bleak months at the Curragh waiting for the chance that never came are now a distant memory. Youngsters in sport and indeed, in any walk of life, could hardly want for a better inspiration that the livewire figure of de Sousa who has progressed from unpromising beginnings to the highest peaks in his sport. It has been achieved with a mix of drive, natural ability, determination and an almost tangible will to win that is evident every time he is involved in a tight finish.

One of ten children of a farmer who lived near Sao Paolo, his first skills in the saddle were honed rounding up cattle on his father's working horses. Small and energetic, standing barely five feet tall, de Sousa was uncertain what the future held when he left school. Eventually he joined the racing school at Sao Paolo where, by his own admission, he proved to be a slow learner. Most apprentices get to ride in a race within a month or two. He had to wait six months before he donned racing silks for the first time.

Sixteen months later he was champion apprentice in Brazil after recording 75 winners. Then he broke his arm and by the time it mended he was tempted to

explore opportunities in Europe. He flew to Ireland, one of three Brazilians who took up an offer of work sent to the Jockey Club by Dermot Weld.

At the time he could not speak a word of English. Even more significant, perhaps, he did not have a jockey's licence. A difficult two years ensued as his ambitions of a career in the saddle were becalmed in Co Kildare.

"I was nothing when I came over, nobody," he recalls with a beaming smile. "I went to Mr Weld because he was a big man in Ireland and famous all over the world. But I was just a work rider and also helped to break in the young horses at the Moyglare Stud.

"When I arrived it was freezing in Ireland. It was a big shock and at times I was homesick and wanted to go home. I knew





Silvestre de Sousa celebrates winning the Juddmonte International on Arabian Queen

what to do on a horse but I doubt if I understood what the trainer wanted. Looking back now I enjoyed Ireland but it was different and sometimes difficult."

Eventually de Sousa took out a licence but Weld never did give him a chance in a race though a winter spell in Dubai saw him gain a few mounts at Nad Al Sheba and Jebel Ali. When things did not improve on his returned to Weld in the spring of 2005 his future as a jockey appeared to be behind him until a chance meeting with Dandy Nicholls at the Curragh offered a lifeline which he seized with both hands.

He recalls, "A friend of mine worked for Dandy and said I should join him in England. I wasn't sure because I was a bit sour by that stage but Dandy offered me a trial and promised to put me on a few horses."

Nicholls was as good as his word. A new beginning saw de Sousa gain his first success in England at Southwell on New Year's Day 2006 on Sonic Anthem. No-one present that day realised the significance of the moment. More rides and a handful of winners would follow but Nicholls has always employed a team of jockeys, led by his son Adrian, and de Sousa was some way down the pecking order.

He moved again, seeking more opportunities, but he will always be grateful to Nicholls for opening the door.

He concedes, "Through working and riding for Dandy I got contact with other trainers. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be having the time I'm having now."

There is a second notable bonus from his time spent working for Nicholls. Among the apprentices based at his yard was an

attractive Irish girl, Vicky Behan, whose finest hour came in 2006 when she won the valuable Gosforth Park Cup at Newcastle on Peace Offering. It was her first victory of the year and led to a rash of winners in the following weeks.

De Sousa and Vicky were soon an item but the birth of their son Ryan in May, 2007 left her facing a difficult choice as her future husband was by then making a big impact in the north of England.

She explains, "We soon realised that the two of us could not be on the road at the same time chasing rides and winners because one of us needed to be at home with Ryan. So that was the end of my time as a jockey."

Ambitious to explore other opportunities, she swapped her saddle for a student's gown and began a three-year

course in equine science at Bishop Burton. On graduation she progressed to a new role as roving ambassador for the Northern Racing School, checking on the progress of students as they gained valuable experience in racing yards.

Her husband, meanwhile, was spreading his network of contacts among northern trainers keen to employ the Brazilian who was so hard to beat in a finish. He was light, available, eager to please and highly effective.

He ended his first campaign in England with the respectable tally of 27 winners. Although that dropped to 21 the following year he was soon on a roll and in 2010 reached a notable landmark with his first century of winners in a season.

At that stage he was still widely perceived as a northern jockey. That changed forever when Sheikh Mohammed's Godolphin team signed him up on a lucrative contract after he came within a whisker of being champion jockey in 2011. In the end he fell four winners short behind Paul Hanagan.

Their absorbing duel for the title was decided the moment de Sousa chose to fly to Australia to partner a horse for his ally Mark Johnston in the Melbourne Cup rather than stay in England for the final week of the season.

By the time he returned it was all over but he has no regrets as he explains, "It was my choice because I felt that to get to ride in the Melbourne Cup was a once or twice a lifetime experience. If I have to go to Australia this year I will do the same again."

This time, regrettably, the championship race will already be over long before the Melbourne Cup so sacrifices will not be needed by de Sousa. His views on his great ally Mark Johnston make interesting reading.

"I love riding for Mark," he says. "He just leaves it in my hands and I am so grateful for all the opportunities he has given me in my career. He has been great for me from day one."

It was Johnston's unwavering support that helped de Sousa go so close to being champion in 2011 and the Middleham trainer was one of the first to offer a helping hand when, inexplicably, he lost his job with Godolphin towards the end of last year.

There is not a sign of bitterness at his treatment as he reflects, "What happened



Mark Johnston

to me happens to every jockey at some point. I believe in myself and what I can do. That hasn't changed. I had only a short time with Godolphin but at least I can say I had a good time. I was given a great opportunity and I took it and I don't think I could have done any better than I did."

His spell riding for Godolphin could hardly be described as unsuccessful but it came during a difficult period when one of their trainers Mahmood Al Zarooni brought the game into disrepute in a doping scandal which rocked the racing world. Al Zarooni was charged, convicted and sentenced with bewildering speed in a shameful episode which reflected no credit at all on the sport's governing body the British Horseracing Authority.

Reliable as ever, de Sousa continued to ride winners for Godolphin, winning Group 1 prizes and maiden races for them with the same cheerful demeanour, and famously landed the \$10 million Dubai World Cup on Arabian Story trained by Saeed bin Suroor in March 2014.

Yet before the end of the year he was surplus to requirements as Godolphin turned to the twin younger talents of James Doyle and William Buick.

De Sousa's response has been to ride as many winners as he possibly can until reaching the point that he cannot be caught at the top of the jockeys' table. Much of his work has been played out at minor racecourses, often in the evenings, while his rivals, tied by contracts, have been busy at the more glamorous meetings of high summer. Technically the result is still in doubt, not least because de Sousa has been walking a tightrope these

past few months knowing that one more suspension for a whip offence will see him banned for at least nine days under the totting up rule.

Yet barring misfortune he will deservedly be hailed as champion jockey on October 17.

He has tried to keep a low profile, and suggests: "The main thing is to stay in one piece, free of injury."

Jockeys are the human face of racing and it is easy to warm to the little Brazilian with the big talent. He is not quite box office yet, but give him time and I believe he will be a highly popular champion. As a jockey he keeps things simple. The gifts he bring to the arena remind me of another champion, Willie Carson, who was also short in stature, light of weight, crackling with energy and fearlessly aggressive at the demanding business of driving home the winners.

After recording an early century of winners at the end of August de Sousa continued to play down his chances of lifting the championship trophy.

Richard Hughes, champion for the last three years, does not doubt the outcome. "This really is his title to lose," says Hughes. "The only way Silvestre can get beat is if he beats himself by getting into trouble with the stewards or ending up in an ambulance."

Many will point to the triumph on Arabian Queen in the Juddmonte International at York as the highlight of a memorable season for de Sousa. But the rewarding days spent at distant racecourses such as Wolverhampton, Catterick and Leicester are the ones that have ensured his first title. **RA**

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AUTUMN TOP 10

Tony Keenan with his list to watch while the leaves fall

October is a transitional time in the racing calendar. Whereas some are looking forward to the start of the Jumps season, others are trying to fight against the dying light of the Flat campaign as it enters its final months. With one exception, my list of autumn horses to follow falls into the latter category but we'll kick into full National Hunt mode in November.

GLASS HOUSE

(Two-year-old, G Lyons)

Draw biases can be overdone and are sometimes a better post-race analysis tool but there looks to be something in the win of Glass House from stall one in the sales race over Irish Champions Weekend. Thirty runners went to post that day and the six horses chasing home the winner were drawn 23, 22, 29, 25, 28 and 30. Not only that but Glass House was slowly away too and one of the least experienced runners in the field, this just her second start. All in all, this was a big effort and she won going away though guessing at a next target is tough, her trainer coy about future plans afterwards.

Possible Target: Birdcatcher Nursery (Naas, October 18)

HINT OF A TINT

(Five-year-old, D Wachman)

This filly has proved an object lesson in how punters should avoid pigeon-holing horses; if something changes, we are best to change our minds. Her previous campaigns suggested Hint Of A Tint was best fresh and possibly over 7f but her two wins

(from two starts) in 2015 have given the lie to those views and she simply looks a much improved model now. She won a strong Galway Mile on her first outing of the year, the second a winner since, and took another step forward when blowing the Cambridgeshire apart, beating the well-regarded Portage in second, having travelled much the best. A revised mark of 105 still underestimates her so the handicap route remains open but having won two premier events already, connections seem more interested in getting black type. She looks up to winning a Group 3 in this form.

Possible Target: Concorde Stakes (Tipperary, October 4)

JOHANNES VERMEER

(Two-year-old, A O'Brien)

Air Force Blue is undoubtedly the pick of the Aidan O'Brien two-year-olds this season. His National Stakes win was even more impressive than his Phoenix Stakes victory, but given he's already as short at 7/2 for next year's 2,000 Guineas, there's unlikely to be much mileage backing him in the near future. Johannes Vermeer could be something different, his reputation seemingly nothing special as he wasn't even the initial selection of the stable jockey when running over Irish Champions Weekend. Despite this he was a ready winner of his Group 3 at Leopardstown, beating a good field that included True Solitaire and Sanus Per Aquam. Stamina looks his gig and he can take one of the backend two-year-old staying races en route to next year's Derbies.

Possible Targets: Beresford Stakes



Max Dynamite

(Curragh, September 27), Racing Post Trophy (Doncaster, October 24)

MAAREK

(Eight-year-old, E McCutcheon)

This is a bet against Muhaarar in the British Champions Sprint as much as anything. While Charlie Hills' three-year-old has lit up the sprint scene in 2015, there are reasons for doubting he will be as his best at Ascot in mid-October; the ground will likely be soft, he will be coming off a break after a long season, 6f looks sharp enough for him at this stage.

He looks a favourite to oppose. Maarek won this race in 2012 when it was still a Group 2 and while the weather has been against him for much of the summer, he has still had a rewarding campaign, winning the Beverley Bullet on his penultimate start before going down narrowly over Irish Champions Weekend. He comes into this race fresher than most and will likely have his ground so could be the fourth Irish-trained winner of this race in four



years.

Possible Targets: Prix De L'Abbaye (Longchamp, October 4), British Champions Spring (Ascot, October 17)

MALICIOUS INTENT

(Seven-year-old, V Clifford)

Though unlikely to win any prizes for durability (he's made the track just 13 times in his career), Malicious Intent looked a handicapper to follow when landing his breakthrough success at Tipperary in late August, beating one that looked well-treated going into the race.

The run was all the more commendable given that he missed the break and was held up off a slow pace but he still seemed to win with a bit in hand, idling in the finish. Making the races has clearly been this horse's biggest problem but provided he can maintain health for the rest of the season, there are more handicaps to be won with him.

Possible Targets: Handicaps between 1m and 1m2f

MAX DYNAMITE

(Five-year-old, W Mullins)

Order Of St George may shake things up next year but the staying division has generally been lacklustre in 2015 though Max Dynamite did his bit to enliven it in winning the Lonsdale Cup impressively at the Ebor Meeting. His preparation for that race



was less than orthodox, running second the Galway Hurdle beforehand, but while his hurdling is ordinary, the five-year-old looks to have the engine to keep winning on the flat. Melbourne is likely his next port-of-call and it's worth remembering that his stablemate Simenon was fourth in the race that stops a nation in 2013; of the four Mullins entries, he looks the clear pick. Some juice in the ground would be ideal and while some would say that's unlikely down under, they get a lot softer going that is sometimes the perception.

Possible Target: Melbourne Cup (Flemington, November 3)

MINDING

(Two-year-old, A O'Brien)

Big-priced fillies winning Group 1s for Aidan O'Brien are nothing new at this stage, Quality being another example this season. But while that Oaks win seems unlikely to be repeated, there have been some Ballydoyle fillies that have built careers out of beating their more vaunted



Maarek

stablemates, Misty For Me and Halfway To Heaven notable in his regard. That pair were supposed to play the foil to Together and Listen but turned out better than either and Minding could be a filly in a similar mould when running against Ballydoyle. That one may have beaten Minding in the Debutante Stakes in August but the form was comprehensively reversed in the Moyglare over Irish Champions Weekend, Minding seemingly more at home on the soft ground than the second but equally she may just be the better filly. The market is unlikely to price her as such though and there could be continued value in backing her.

Possible Target: Prix Marcel Boussac (Longchamp, October 4), Fillies' Mile (Newmarket, October 9)

SIZING PLATINUM

(Seven-year-old, H De Bromhead)

Galway has its knockers but form emerging from the summer's feature meeting tends to be strong and Sizing Platinum looked a novice chaser to follow when beating subsequent winner Rock The World on Galway Hurdle day, that win his second in two chase starts. The time was fast too and he found plenty despite cutting out the running with his jumping excellent, as is often the case with novices from the yard. It's worth pointing out that De Bromhead has enjoyed an excellent summer, twenty one winners since the start of June, and while Shanahan's Turn winning the Galway Plate is the obvious high point, Sizing Platinum might be the most exciting going forward.

Possible Targets: Kilbegnet Novice Chase (Roscommon, September 28), Novice Chase at the Showcase Meeting (October 23/24)

SMASH WILLIAMS

(Two-year-old, J Bolger)

Jim Bolger has some smart promising juvenile colts in his care at present, notably Herald The Dawn, but with that one having its colours lowered by Air Force Blue in the National Stakes, perhaps Smash Williams can be the yard's leading two-year-old into the winter. There is the sense he caught his trainer by surprise in winning over six lengths on debut, having no entries going into the race, his being by the unfashionable sire Fracas likely playing a part in that. However, there was no fluke about his win, backed up by a good time, and his subsequent win in a Group 3 at the Curragh was

again strong the clock. An Irish 2,000 Guineas entry is his sole big pass at this stage but don't be surprised if he is supplemented into one of the top two-year-old races upcoming.

Possible Target: Dewhurst Stakes (Newmarket, October 10)

ST BRELADES BAY

(Three-year-old, J Harrington)

I have to have at least one ordinary handicapper in any list like this and Jessica Harrington's recent English import fits the bill this time around. Judging by his maiden form with Richard Hannon last year, one might have expected St Brelades Bay to progress to pattern company – he placed behind Estidhkaar on his second start before beating Home Of the Brave next time, that one admittedly having its first run – but the wheels came off after a promising nursery run last July. That form is really strong though, the first three home now rated 102, 103 and 98 respectively whereas St Brelades gets to compete off just 89 these days. There has certainly been promise in both his Irish starts to



Air Force Blue

date, running a good fourth at the Curragh from off the pace in a race few got into, before racing into the teeth of an overly strong gallop on the all-weather, travelling best but seemingly not seeing out the seven furlongs. He seems adaptable with

ground and his good run last time opens up the possibility of competing at Dundalk over the winter, though his connections may have better things in mind, entering him a Group 3 later on.

Possible Targets: 6f handicaps. **RA**

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STATS CAN SPLIT ARC WINNERS AND LOSERS

Nick Pullen assesses the runners in Europe's greatest race

There are two good reasons not to get involved too early in the ante-post market for the Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe (run at Longchamp on Sunday October 4).

First – the ground is an unknown quantity. We are approaching the 'back end' and rain is a definite possibility in Paris at this time of year.

If the ground turns soft then some horses are going to be inconvenienced. Others won't even go to post. Golden Horn – who needs it good or better over 12f – is an obvious case in point.

With no bookmakers offering the non-runner-no-bet concession this far in advance of the race, taking an early price about a ground-dependent horse is a risky undertaking.

Second – the draw often has a significant impact on the outcome of the Arc.

We won't know which horses are certain runners until deep into race-week. And we won't know on which part of the track any runners are drawn until the final declaration stage.

The stall a horse runs out of in the Arc will have an impact on its price. You might get lucky. You might take a big price about a horse ahead of the race, it might get a nice stall and its price will be a sight shorter than the one you took. Fair enough. But it can go the other way too.

A low draw is what you want. More years than not the Arc winner comes out of a single-figure stall. It's not impossible to win from a high draw. Treve did it most recently in 2013 – winning in fine style out of stall 15. But a low stall is the per-

centage play. Twelve of the last 15 winners ran out of stall 8 or lower. Ten were drawn in stall 6 or lower. An inside position on the track is a definite advantage for a pacey horse that can capitalise on taking the short route round.

Fifteen of the 30 horses that filled the 2 positions behind the winner across the last 15 years were also drawn in stall 8 or lower. And it is worth noting that 7 of the beaten favourites over the period were drawn in stall 8 or higher.

I certainly wouldn't want to be holding a bet at a short price about a horse in a high stall. Since 2000, 22 horses have run out of stall 10 or higher having been sent off at a single-figure SP – and 16 failed to make the frame.

Other stats can help us split the Arc field into likely contenders and horses destined to make up the numbers...

■Dismiss horses that haven't already won a G1 race. Only one of the last 15 winners triumphed without ticking that box.

Thirteen of the last 15 winners had produced G1 win earlier that same season.

■Horses that have run at least 6 times but no more than 12 times represent the percentage play. Thirteen of the last 15 winners conformed to that yardstick.

■Focus your attention on horses that have scored a career-best of 120+ on the Racing Post rating scale. Fourteen of the last 15 Arc winners had met that particular standard. Twelve had registered a rating of that level at 11f to 12f.

■Longchamp form is significant. Eleven of the last 15 winners already had expe-

rience of racing at Longchamp. Ten of them had won at the track. Eleven had run at Longchamp or Leopardstown last time out. All of the last 15 Arc winners had raced at G1 or G2 level over 10f to 12f last time out.


■Racing in the Arc off a long lay-off is a disadvantage. Thirteen of the last 15 winners had been seen on the track at some point during the last 5 weeks.

Age is another decent basis on which to split the Arc field...just 3 of the last 51 Arc winners were older than 4. The 3yos have won 32 of the last 51 renewals while the 4yos have won 16. As is the case with the wider record, the edge lies with the 3yo horses in recent times. They have won 10 of the last 15 renewals and produced an additional 15 top-3 finishes from 108 runners. Four-year-old runners have produced 4 wins and 9 top-3 finishes from 82 runners over the same period.

And, whatever you do, don't dismiss the fairer sex. Fillies and mares have won 5 and produced an additional 9 top-3 finishers from 50 runners since 2000.

This year's winner of the Arc is highly-likely to tick most if not all of the statistical boxes highlighted above.

Personally, I'll be looking to bet strong qualifiers on the above Statistical Profile at big prices. Flintshire almost did it for me last year. I'll be looking to go one better this time round.

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BIG EASY OUT TO MAKE HISTORY

Andy Newton looks at the key trends for the great race

Run over 2m2f on the Newmarket Rowley Mile course this month's Cesarewitch Handicap is one of the most popular betting races of the Flat season and the second leg of the autumn double. The race will be staged on Saturday October 10 and despite the normal well-attended field this contest is steeped in history and with that comes plenty of key trends to note.

First, when trying to whittle down the runners, the best place to start is the age of your fancy. Horses aged 4 or older have won 12 of the last 13 renewals with Darley Sun (2009) being the only 3-year-old to win since 1999. In fact, 9 of the last 13 were also aged 5 or older so if you are feeling brave you can take that stat a bit further.

Next up is to look for horses that raced within the last 2 months – 11 of the last 13 fit that criteria, while don't be put off if your selection is further down the betting, since 2000 13 of those 15 winners returned a double-figure price in the betting – we've even had 50/1 and two 66/1 winners in the last 7 runnings!

We've seen just two winning favourites since 1993, further backing-up just how much the bookies love this race.

Weight carried is another key trend with 10 of the last 13 winners carrying 9-1 or less, plus good recent form is another key attribute with 10 of the last 13 winners

being placed fourth or better in their last race.

The draw has played a part, too, with 9 of the last 13 winners coming from stalls 12 or lower – suggesting that having a good early position, and saving ground and energy is vital over this trip.

Horses that raced at Ascot, Chester or Doncaster last time out have won 7 of the last 13 renewals, while the same amount had raced here at Newmarket (Rowley Mile) before.

Finally, being run over one of the longer trips on the Flat, it's a contest that attracts the NH yards – 6 of the last 13 winners came from a stable more famed for their jumpers. Last year's winner, Big Easy, was from the Philip Hobbs team and is entered again at this stage. We've not seen a back-to-back winner in the race's history so can Big Easy cement his name in Cesarewitch history this month? Good Luck!

Cesarewitch Handicap Trends

12/13 – Aged 4 or older
11/13 – Had won over at least 1m6f on the flat before
11/13 – Had run within the last 2 months
11/13 – Returned a double-figure price in the betting
10/13 – Carried 9-1 or less
10/13 – Had 3 or more previous flat runs that season

10/13 – Finished 4th or better last time out
9/13 – Drawn in stall 12 or lower
9/13 – Aged 5 or older
8/13 – Had won over at least 2m on the Flat before
8/13 – Had won 4 or more times on the Flat before
8/13 – Winning distance – 1 length or less
7/13 – Ran at either Ascot, Chester or Doncaster last time out
7/13 – The first three home returned a double-figure price
7/13 – Had run at the track before
6/13 – Won by a NH trainer
3/13 – Winning mares
2/13 – Winning favourites
2/13 – Trained by Nicky Henderson
2/13 – Won last time out
The average winning SP in the last 13 years is 24.5/1
Just 2 winning favourites since 1993

Recent Cesarewitch winners

2014 – Big Easy (10/1)
2013 – Scatter Dice (66/1)
2012 – Aaim To Prosper (66/1)
2011 – Never Can Tell (25/1)
2010 – Aaim To Prosper (16/1)
2009 – Darley Sun (9/2 fav)
2008 – Caracciola (50/1)
2007 – Leg Spinner (14/1)
2006 – Detroit City (9/2 fav)
2005 – Sergeant Cecil (10/1) **RA**



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WHAT A WEEKEND!

Ian Heitman is catching his breath after some top-class action

The weekend of September 12 and 13 was one of the best of the racing year with plenty of top class action across Europe.

September 12 saw a controversial St Leger result at Doncaster with Simple Verse losing the race in the stewards' room for causing interference to Bondi Beach, whilst Golden Horn was allowed to keep the Irish Champion Stakes a few hours later at Leopardstown despite swerving badly right into the eventual third Free Eagle.

The following day, Longchamp played host to three trials for the Arc de Triomphe with Treve winning very impressively in the Prix Vermeille and looks sure to take plenty of beating in her quest for an unprecedented third Arc win, whilst there were two Group One races for two-year-

olds at The Curragh. The opening race on the St Leger card was the Group 2 Champagne Stakes over 7f for two-year-olds and it saw a hugely impressive performance from EMOTIONLESS who shot the top of the ante-post betting for the 2016 2,000 Guineas.

Having just his second start, Emotionless travelled very strongly for William Buick in midfield and made progress with two and a half furlongs to go and cruised upsidest the long time leader IBN MALIK a furlong and a half from the finish with Buick looking around for dangers.

Shaken up, Emotionless drew clear inside the last furlong to win very easily by three and a half lengths. This was a high-class performance and he looks sure to go well in his next intended target, the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket

on October 16.

Emotionless was favourite for the 2,000 Guineas for just over 24 hours as AIR FORCE BLUE took over favouritism following his easy win in the Group One National Stakes at the Curragh.

He was always going strongly for Joseph O'Brien and made good progress on the outside of the field from halfway and took the lead over a furlong from the finish and kept on well to beat HERALD THE DAWN by three lengths and provided Aidan O'Brien with a fifth win in the race in the last 10 years. A potential clash between Air Force Blue and Emotionless in the Dewhurst would be a race to savour.

As well as winning the National Stakes, O'Brien saddled the first three in the Group 1 Moyglare Stud Stakes with MIND-ING getting the better of the favourite



Ajaya

BALLYDOYLE inside the last 100 yards with ALICE SPRINGS running on well to be third. Minding is lightly raced, this was her fourth start and she looks sure to progress well over the winter and develop into a 1,000 Guineas contender. The same can be said for Ballydoyle who might have found the ground a bit soft, she remains a high-class prospect and won't be far away in the Guineas.

As well as the Champagne Stakes, there were plenty of good two-year-old races at Doncaster during their four-day meeting, one of two four-day meetings Yorkshire staged in recent weeks, York's Ebor Festival took place between August 19 and 22.

Four of the seven two-year-old races at York were won by William Haggas-trained runners. RECORDER confirmed the promise of his first two starts in maiden company when he won the first two-year-old race of the meeting, the Group 3 Acomb Stakes over 7f.

A field of 10 took their chance, with nine of the 10 having won their previous starts. Recorder was sent off the 4/1 joint favourite with LIEUTENANT GENERAL in an open looking contest. BING BANG BONG, who had won easily on his previous

start at Newmarket, set a good pace with Mohab racing prominently. Lieutenant General raced close to the pace whilst Frankie Dettori had Recorder nicely settled held up in the midfield.

Bing Bang Bong drifted to the stands rail with two furlongs to go and was headed by Recorder who made good progress to take the lead a furlong and a half from the finish. Dettori kept him going inside the last furlong to beat Bing Bang Bong by a length and three-quarters with CYMRIC running on well to be in third. Lieutenant General dropped away tamely over a furlong from the finish and was beaten 15 lengths. Sadly Recorder has suffered a setback and won't be running until 2016. He has plenty of scope and should train on well however his dam Memory was a very smart juvenile before going the wrong way at three, hopefully Recorder won't follow suit. Bing Bang Bong looks an ideal type for the Group Three Horris Hill Stakes at Newbury on October 24 provided the ground doesn't go too soft.

The second two-year-old race on day one at York was a nursery over 6f with a field of 18 going to post. MAYFAIR LADY ran out an impressive winner for Richard Fahey and Jack Garrity, leading all the way

and running on strongly in the last furlong to win by five lengths from TAWWAAQ with WHITMAN running well under top weight in third (he won the Listed Ripon Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy on his next start). Mayfair Lady was raised 17lb by the handicapper to a mark of 104 which ruled her out of running in any more nurseries. Her next race came in the Group Three Dick Poole Stakes at Salisbury on September 3.

A very strong favourite on the back of her York win, she was sent off the 5/4 favourite in a field of seven with recent Newbury Listed winner WHATDOI-WANTTHATFOR next best at 11/4. Neither were a match in the paddock or in the race for LA RIOJA who ran on strongly in the final furlong to beat Whatdoiwanthatfor by four and a half lengths with UNILIT keeping on for third and Mayfair Lady only fourth. La Rioja is a strong filly with plenty of scope and will be worth her place in the Group One Cheveley Park Stakes should her trainer Henry Candy decide to run her in Group One company.

The most valuable two-year-old race of the week at York, the £300,000 DBS Premier Yearling Sales race had a field of 18 line up for the first prize of over £147,000.

TALKING TWO YEAR OLDS

Rather than go for the more prestigious Group Two Gimcrack Stakes on day four of the meeting, William Haggas sent Richmond Stakes runner up 'TASLEET' in search of a third consecutive win in the race and he was sent off the 2/1 favourite.

With an official rating of 109 going into the race, Tasleet was the highest rated horse in the line up, 8lb clear of one of the 8/1 second favourites ORVAR. Tasleet travelled well close to the pace in the main group, A MOMENTOFMADNESS set the pace but raced wide of the field. Orvar led the main group until DELIZIA took over the running with two furlongs to go. She was still in front entering the final furlong but Tasleet picked up well for Paul Hanagan and took the lead with 100 yards to go and he kept on well to beat FERRY-OVER who finished strongly from the rear under Jamie Spencer by half a length with STILL ON TOP running well on only his second start to be third. MICKEY ran on well from midfield to be sixth on only his second start and he should be able to win a maiden on his next outing for Tom Dascombe.

As for Tasleet he is likely to be running in Group company again next time but will have to produce an improved performance to figure in the Group One Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket on September 26, he has already been beaten by likely favourite for this race, Shalaa at Goodwood. Orvar landed a big prize in Turkey for Richard Hannon on his next start on September 6.

The feature race of the week for fillies, the Group 2 Lowther Stakes over 6f, had nine runners with Mark Johnston's impressive maiden winner LUMIERE the market leader at 9/4 over established group performer BESHARAH at 11/4.

Lumiere set out to make all the running under William Buick as she had done at Newmarket and she raced strongly in the lead closely followed by EASTON ANGEL who pulled hard in the early part of the race with Besharah settled in midfield. Lumiere was under pressure with two furlongs to go and challenged by Easton Angel who looked a big danger with Besharah making her move under Pat Cosgrave. Besharah quickened well a furlong and half from the finish and quickly went a couple of lengths clear of her rivals and stayed on well to beat Lumiere by two



and a quarter lengths with Easton Angel a further two and a quarter lengths back in third.

This was Besharah's fourth win from six starts (second and third on her other two runs) and she provided William Haggas with his third two-year-old winner of the meeting. She deserves to take her chance in the Group 1 Cheveley Park Stakes where she is likely to face ILLUMINATE who beat her by a nose at Newmarket in July. Lumiere has plenty more to offer and is a scopey filly that will make more progress from two to three than Besharah.

The Convivial Maiden Stakes over 7f is by some way the most valuable maiden of the year with £31,125 going to the winner. Six of the 18 to line up were making their racecourse debuts, with Richard Fahey's CONSTANTINO the shortest priced of the newcomers at 8/1.

Favourite for the race was Godolphin's VERY TALENTED, who had shaped well

when third at Goodwood on his debut, at 3/1. He ran well and had every chance, leading with two furlongs to go but was run out of it by BEAUTIFUL MORNING, one of three fillies in the line-up, in the last 100 yards with TAQWAA running well in third. Very Talented easily won his next start at Doncaster on September 10. Beautiful Morning is sure to progress for Luca Cumani and has Group entries later in the year. She has the pedigree to make an even better three-year-old and could develop into an Oaks contender. WEEK-END OFFENDER kept on well from the rear to be sixth and he should improve enough to figure next time for Kevin Ryan.

The final day of the Ebor Festival saw two two-year-old races, the Group 2 Gimcrack Stakes over 6f and the Listed Roses Stakes over 5f. Although Tasleet missed the Gimcrack in favour of the Sales race, William Haggas was still doubly represented with AJAYA and RAUCOUS.



However it was American raider FINNEGAN who was sent off favourite at 11/4 for Wesley Ward (his two-year-old filly ACAPULCO ran well to be second in the Group One Nunthorpe Stakes the previous day) with Ajaya the 7/2 second favourite.

Finnegan went off too quickly in front and was headed with a furlong and half to go by Ajaya who stayed on strongly to win by a length and a quarter from RIBCHESTER who ran a very good race on only his second start. Raucous was hampered leaving the stalls and kept on well to be third. Ajaya has run to a good level of form so far in his five starts (won two) however he will have to improve again if he is to figure in the Middle Park Stakes.

ORNATE was a strong even money favourite to give William Haggas a fifth two-year-old winner of the week in the Roses Stakes. He travelled well in touch with the pace set by KURLAND with

SHADOW HUNTER racing prominently, but had to wait for a gap a furlong and a half from the finish at which point Shadow Hunter took the lead and went a couple of lengths clear.

She just managed to hang on from the fast finishing runner up ROULEAU with Kurland keeping on for third and Ornate only fourth. Shadow Hunter provided her trainer Paul D'Arcy with his first Listed winner since 2011. Rouleau gave the form a boost on his next start when he won the Group 3 Sirenia Stakes at Kempton on September 5 beating DREAM DESTINATION and ADVENTUROUS.

There was plenty of British success at Deauville's summer meeting with seven juvenile winners. Richard Hannon had the first and second in the Group 2 Prix du Calvados on August 22 when GREAT PAGE stayed on well to beat MARENKO by a neck and gave the form of Besharah a boost (second to William Haggas' filly at

Ascot in July).

The feature two-year-old race of the meeting, the Group One Prix Morny over 6f, went to John Gosden's high class juvenile, SHALAA when he comfortably beat Hannon's GUTAIFAN by a length and three quarters and cemented his position as the leading two-year-old in Europe and is the one to beat in the Middle Park Stakes.

Gutaifan was dropped in class and by a furlong for his next start, the Group 2 Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster on September 11 where he faced eight rivals, including three of the first four in the Roses Stakes, Shadow Hunter, Kurland and Ornate.

Gutaifan had to work hard to win, racing in touch with the good pace set by LOG OUT ISLAND and made progress with two furlongs to go and kept on well to get the better of Log Out Island inside the last 150 yards, however he had to be strongly ridden by Frankie Dettori to hold off the challenge of Ornate inside the last 100 yards and only had a head in hand at the line with Log Out Island a neck away in third. This was a strong renewal of this race and the two-year-old track record for 5f that had stood since 2009 was broken. Gutaifan is likely to challenge Shalaa again the Middle Park Stakes but will probably have to settle for another minor role.

The second of the Group 2 races on Doncaster's September 11 card, the May Hill Stakes over 1m for fillies went to Ireland for the second successive year, TURRET ROCKS, landing the prize for Jim Bolger when she stayed on strongly to get the better of pace setting MARENKO inside the final furlong with OPAL TIARA running another consistent race in third. PURE DIAMOND who was favourite for the race lost her action for the second time in three races and was last of the eight.

Simon Crisford has made an excellent start to his training career and won his first Group race on August 22 when FIRST SELECTION led all the way to win the Solario Stakes at Sandown beating MANAAFIDH by half a length with MR WIZARD running on well to be third. Manaafidh let the form down on his next start when only third of five in the Listed Ascendant Stakes at Haydock behind impressive winner

TALKING TWO YEAR OLDS



FOUNDATION. As the turf season enters the last couple of months, plenty of trainers want to give their horses valuable racecourse experience and there have been a number of promising performances.

Newmarket's final meeting at their July Course on August 25/26 had a number of two-year-old races. The opening 7f fillies maiden on the first day of the meeting saw an easy win for PROMISING RUN who beat CERSEI by two and a half lengths with plenty of promise from Sir Michael Stoute's ARISTOCRATIC in third.

The second division of this maiden saw Stoute's DIPLOMA improve for her first run (looked a lot fitter than she had done on debut) and beat DOUBLY MOTIVATED trained by Charles Hills by a neck with four lengths back to the third (she was an easy winner of a weak maiden at Lingfield on September 12 and can progress further in handicaps). There was some promise from Michael Bell's BLUE MOON RISING who was edgy beforehand but kept on well to be fifth.

TASHWEEQ was a very strong favourite to win the 7f colt's maiden later on the card having shaped with plenty of promise on his debut at Newbury. He kept on well to

lead with a furlong to go and beat TABARRAK (big strong colt) trained by Brian Meehan by a length and a quarter with SUN LOVER improving on his debut to be third.

A couple to note from this race are FIRNAS trained by Charlie Appleby who was an expensive yearling and green in the paddock beforehand and FORGE trained by Sir Michael Stoute who hails from a good family and is good looking son of Dubawi. They should improve enough to figure on their second starts. Tashweeq made the step up to Listed company on his next start at Doncaster in the Flying Scotsman Stakes on September 11 comfortably beating HAALICK by a length and a quarter and should progress well in Group company next time.

There were easy winners of the two maidens held on the second day of the meeting, VENTUROUS won the first division and went on to win comfortably at Doncaster on September 9 and TANEEN who won the second division. A couple to note from the second division are the runner up FIGHTING TEMERAIRE trained by Dean Ivory and CLOCK WATCHER trained by Charlie Appleby.

Yarmouth's first meeting of 2015 took place on August 30 and began with a 6f fillies maiden. ALQUBBAH put her previous racecourse experience to good use to give Ed Dunlop only his third two-year-old winner of the year, beating Roger Varian's newcomer FOURTH WAY by a neck.

VENTURA STORM made it two wins from three starts (third to Recorder on debut) when he beat JUSTICE LAW by two and a half lengths in Salisbury's 1m novice race on September 3.

Always going well close to the pace, Ventura Storm took the lead inside the last furlong and kept on well. Richard Hannon is going to aim this son of Zoffany at the Group 1 Prix Jean Luc Lagadere at Longchamp on October 4 and whilst he should give a good account, it is a big jump up from novice company to Group 1 company.

Clive Cox sent out two impressive winning newcomers at Haydock and Kempton on September 4 and 5. PRICELESS ran right away from her eight rivals in the second division of the 6f fillies maiden to win by seven lengths.

ZONDERLAND had clearly shown



plenty at home to run in conditions company on his debut and sent off second favourite he drew clear in the final furlong to beat **GOLD TRADE** by five lengths. Given the yard do well with their newcomers that win on debut, five out of 10 newcomers that won on their debut also won their second starts, both should progress well.

KASSEOPIA looked a useful prospect winning on his third start at Kempton on September 4, leading all the way and winning by nine lengths from **CELEBRATION DAY**. A strong colt by Showcasing, Kasseopia has been given a mark of 89 and should be able to in handicap company before going on to better things.

SILENT ATTACK was very well supported to make a winning debut for Godolphin and Saeed bin Suroor in the 6f maiden but he lost his chance leaving the stalls, bucking and kicking and making up only late ground in the straight to be seventh.

Whether he would have troubled the winner **ZHUI FENG** is hard to know as he made plenty of improvement from his debut at Salisbury to lead all the way and provide Amanda Perrett with a first two-

year-old winner of 2015. **MARSHA** ran well on her debut to be second for Sir Mark Prescott and won't have to wait too long to get off the mark.

MUNTAZAH got off the mark at the third attempt at Leicester on September 8 in



the first division of a slowly run 7f maiden, drawing clear to win by two and three quarter lengths from **DARK FOREST** and **CHESSE MASTER**. Muntazah has plenty of scope and should develop into a smart three-year-old. Chess Master was a very expensive yearling and this tall colt by Shamardal should win next time for Charlie Appleby.

The second division was run two seconds faster than the first with **MOVE UP** progressing well from his debut at Lingfield to enhance Saeed bin Suroor's excellent second time out record, 53% in 2015 and 37% since 2010 when he beat **FAWAREEQ** and **STARGAZER**. There was promise from **MAINSTREAM** (tall colt) and **SILK CRAVAT** (good looking colt) in fourth and fifth.

LA MORTOLA was one of the nicer fillies in the paddock before the 1m fillies maiden later on the Leicester card but she lost her chance with a slow start and kept on to be sixth. **SEPAL** kept on well to win on her second start beating **MYOPIC** who ran with a lot of promise for Luca Cumani on her debut (yard only 3% first time out compared to 20% second time out). **RA**

Front yard at Warren Place

END OF AN ERA

Dave Youngman laments the passing of a great name at Warren Place

Lady Jane Cecil's time at Warren Place is soon coming to an end and it will be sad to think the name Cecil will no longer be associated with the famous establishment.

My association at Warren Place started in 1965 when I was there with Noel Murless and his wife Gwen. Lester Piggott was our stable jockey and what horses we had during those heady times.

Lester was brilliant on AUNT EDITH, a fine mare.

My favourite horse was ROYAL PALACE. Australian jockey George Moore came for the 1967 season and won the 2,000 Guineas and Derby on the Jim Joel-owned colt. But for injury he surely would have won the St Leger and landed the triple crown.

I recently took a photo in the front yard, with Warren Place house in the background. I am looking forward to continuing my contact at the yard next year with the new trainer.

Another well respected HQ trainer to retire shortly is Clive Brittain. Clive will remain living in the house at Carlbury stables and it is hoped Philip Robinson will take over training there.

Clive was the first ordinary stable lad to

become a trainer. He started out in 1972 at Pegasus Stables with a short lease – he backed ALTESSE ROYALE ante-post at 33/1 for the Oaks while still with Noel Murless and the winnings were spent on starting his training career.

Clive always works his horses Tuesdays and Fridays to avoid the rush on the gallops as most trainers work their horses on Wednesdays and Saturdays. JULIO MARINER, the 1978 St Leger winner, was my favourite horse trained by Clive. He trained him for Captain Marcos Lemos, a lovely Greek man.

Former Sir Michael Stoute assistant, Owen Burrows, is to start next season as private trainer to Sheikh Hamdan at Kingwood House Stables in Lambourn. Owen is to take over there from Barry Hills while John Lake is to stay on as his head lad. Owen is very experienced and looks sure to make a good go of training.

Michael Wigham has recently had CREDIT SWAP go back into training with him. The horse is something of a veteran now, but it wouldn't surprise many at HQ if Wiggy managed to get a win out of him.

It will be a big loss to Newmarket when Hayley Turner retires from the saddle. She is a fine rider and has done a lot to

establish lady riders in the sport. Her good friend and trainer Amy Weaver left Newmarket last year and is training in Lamorlaye in France nowadays. Hayley is bound to spend time with her soon.

Sir Michael Stoute is very excited at the prospects for some of the horses he trains for the Queen. MAINSTREAM is a colt the Freemason Lodge trainer is looking forward to for next year. This son of Dansili is out of a Sadler's Wells mare. He was a late foal as he was not born until May. He has been given one educational run when finishing fourth in a good maiden and has come on a great deal for that kind handling. He is a colt full of promise.

■ Congratulations to Roger Hawkes. He is the winner of the competition for the Frankie Dettori book, but a massive thank you to each and everyone of you who entered, I was overwhelmed by the great response.

■ Finally, regular readers Robert Jackson, from Holland on Sea, Simon Hollidge and Mike Turner from London and Alan Leonard from Spain are going to the Cheltenham weekend on October 23 and 24. They love that meeting and go every year, I hope they find a few winners. **RA**

HAVE I SEEN A LEGEND IN THE MAKING?

Charlie McCann spots some Bumper potential

We have not quite reached the stage when our attentions turn from the Flat to the winter game given the Arc, Champions Day and Breeders' Cup have yet to be staged but I would like to highlight a couple of unexposed jumpers who may be worth following in the weeks to come.

I wouldn't class myself as a great Bumper aficionado but I was really taken with the win of Keith Dalglish's 4-year-old Meet The Legend at Kelso last month. A son of Midnight Legend, the gelding was well supported at the Borders track and tanked through the race pulling jockey Craig Nicol's arms out for the first mile.

Once in front the horse, who cost £65,000 as a three-year-old, was more amenable to restraint and fairly flew up the home straight to beat another exciting debutant Dubai Angel from Malcolm Jefferson 71 with useful yardstick Mardale a further 5L back in third.

The time was quick (1.6 secs below standard) on ground described as good to firm and he certainly possesses plenty of pace. His next start, and also that of the runner up, is eagerly awaited and I would love to see him around Aintree on decent ground one day.

We will know more about his long-term prospects after his next start, but he strikes me as the type who could even win a modest maiden at a sharp track like Thirsk or Catterick.

My friend, *Racing Ahead* colleague and fellow Evertonian Paul Ferguson has highlighted in his excellent publication *Jumpers To Follow* a novice/handicap hurdler I am convinced will win races this term from the Lucinda Russell yard.

Jack Steel looks to be crying out for a step up in trip having been tried at the minimum trip on all four starts over timber including when a staying on fourth on fast ground at Ayr when last seen back in April.

The 5-year-old runs in the colours of JP McManus and won a point-to-point (3m) in his native Ireland on good ground last October. The runner up Ballykan has subsequently won two hurdles and a novice chase for Nigel Twiston-Davies at Uttoxeter last month. Ballykan is currently rated 122 over hurdles.

With that in mind Jack Steel's current mark of 108 looks workable, to say the least, and the recommendation is to follow him when stepped up in trip. Good ground clearly holds no terrors and I wonder if connections will wish to switch his attentions to chasing sooner rather than later.

Kaki De La Pree remains a novice over fences having finished placed in all three starts over the larger obstacles for Tom Symonds last term. I note that the 8-year-old is rated 2lbs lower over timber than he is over fences but I refuse to believe that his current mark is the height of his chas-



Kaki De La Pree

ing powers.

A dual winning hurdler the horse was last seen beaten a neck by Ned Stark (gave 4lbs) at Wetherby in January when he started slowly and was always playing catch up.

In time I hope to see him become a leading candidate for the Scottish or Aintree Grand National but this term I hope to see him win his fair share of races and if the ground had a bit of cut in it then something like the 4m at the Cheltenham Festival might enter calculations. **RA**

FIND A HORSE WITH BIG FEET!

Ian Harrison tells how to find winners in the mud

It is being proposed that bookmakers should be banned from sponsorship until they put their offshore business in order. It is a fact that the levy is shrinking and there is a lot of money swilling about offshore which could make all the difference. Our sport has shrunk in its influence on the national psyche with little interest in the media and if it were not for Channel 4 it would disappear out of sight. The age of instant gratification is with us and the gaming machines have driven a massive wedge into racing.

They are now looking for new sponsors for races like The Coral Eclipse and Ladbrokes St. Leger. Maybe we will see a Heinz Baked Bean Grand National?

The fact is that something has to be

done to bring the bookmakers to heel but is there the grit to do it? Waving goodbye to £millions and hoping something comes along is very dangerous. Big Mac would sort it out!


Have you noticed any changes in the going recently? Clerks of the Course have been very inventive with their descriptions in the last month. One of these who is obviously living in fairyland described the going as good to firm two days after the course had received a massive downpour. Of course the long lists of non runners told the truth. Neither can you trust the going stick for they will choose either a firm area or a soft area of the course depending on whether they need to downgrade from rock hard or upgrade

from a bog. I drew a cartoon once that showed a Heath Robinson type machine which drove a going stick into the ground and had a gauge marked from one inch to six feet. No matter how deep the stick went in the going read 'Good'.

The Racing Post today, (Sept 17), is wittering on about the amount of rain that has fallen at Yarmouth before today's meeting. Nobody seems to realise that after rain the going at Yarmouth will firm up because the course is built on sand. The same on the All Weather. The going will also firm up at Southwell which is sand. After a heavy frost all the All Weather courses will ride slow because the frost expands the fibre and sand, leaving the surface fluffy and slow. But during August and so far in September you didn't need to consult the going reports. Just write down 'a bog' and look for a horse with big feet. True. Horses with bigger feet will get through the mud because they don't sink into it like the others. That's a good tip for paddock watchers.

I have been proofing a system which is very simple but provides a high strike rate. It has those two attributes that we all need. Easy to work out and a high strike rate.

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Right, I'm off to put my sou'wester on now. I'm not very big and have a job staying on my feet in these high winds so if anybody sees a yellow blob in the sea off Hastings it's probably me. 

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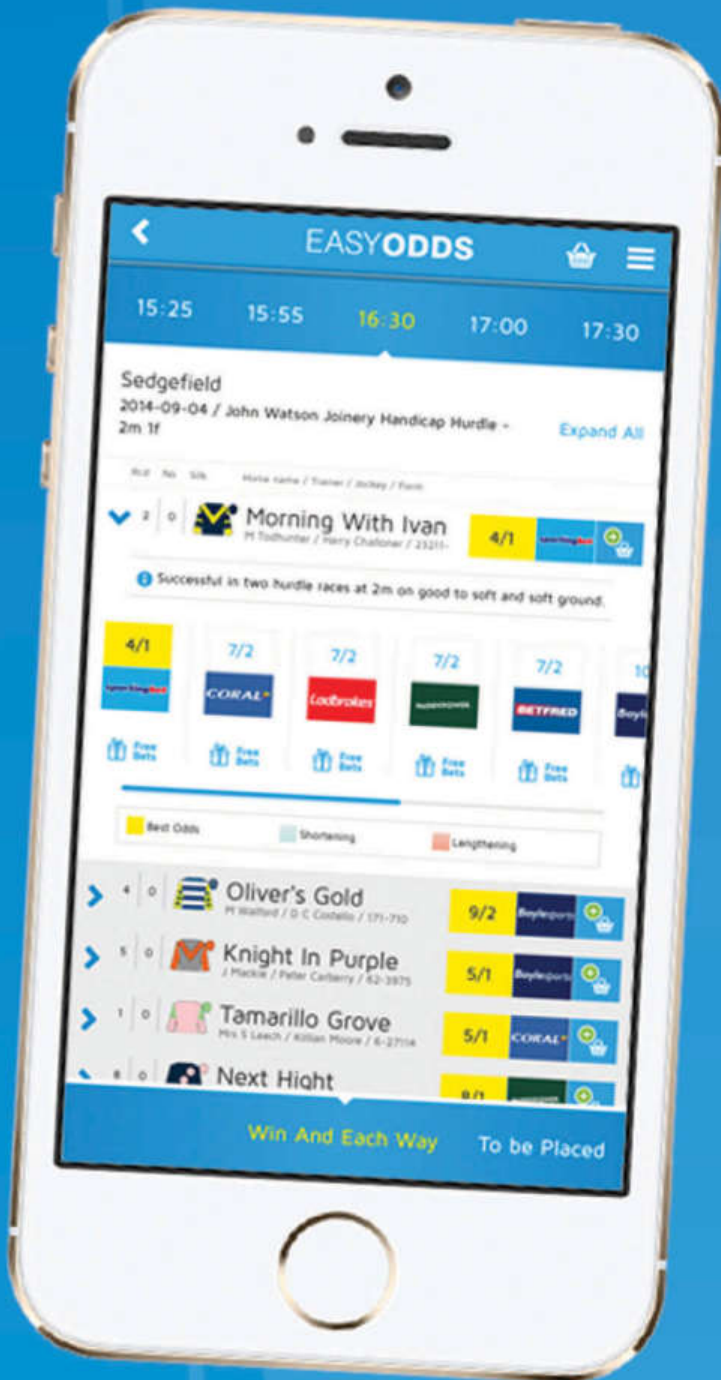
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ST LEGER IS ARGY-BARGY CLASSIC



THE St Leger is often the forgotten Classic but this year's renewal hit the headlines thanks to a controversial reversal of the placings.

After a barging match, first-past-the-post Simple Verse, right, lost the race in the stewards' room to Bondi Beach, who had crossed the line a neck down.

The two horses clattered into each other two furlongs out and again within sight of the line – and it looked as though both animals gave as good as they got.

But the stewards didn't see it that way and awarded the race to Aidan O'Brien's runner.

Bondi Beach's jockey Colm O'Donoghue played a blinder in the stewards' enquiry and there was hardly a dry eye in the house as he made his case to be awarded the race. Andrea Atzeni, partner of Simple Verse, didn't have any answer – literally as his English is very limited.

Losing trainer Ralph Beckett – and most people at Doncaster – were shocked when the first two were switched around.

Beckett said: "I am astonished. We lose the race when clearly both horses leaned on each other. Can you say it was entirely her fault?" **RA**





'Put as much cash as you like into these'

I THINK IT'S ALL OVER

What can you do when the bookies refuse a £25 bet? asks **Mark Coton**

The age-old battle between the bookmaker and the punter is over. It's finished. The bookmakers don't want to wage it any more. If, as a backer, you as much as threaten to draw a pinprick of blood from their ample corporate skin, they will retreat.

Restrict you. Close you down.

I suppose we ought to endeavour to see it from their point of view, narrow and self-interested though it is, and might start to do so via an historical comparison.

When I worked at the head office of Ladbrokes, "the world's greatest book-

maker", in 1985, before being given the elbow in a margin-trimming exercise which deemed a marketing department to be an unnecessary luxury, occupied by idle and unwanted dreamers proffering such heretical ideas as offering the customer free bets, the trading department had the best part of a floor to itself in the not-so-palatial headquarters at Harrow-on-the-Hill.

The atmosphere in there was a cross between the Kremlin and the inner sanctum of a particularly rigorous religious order.

Outsiders were not permitted to enter without special permission and as for any inside information which might be disclosed from within its tightly-guarded walls and corridors – forget it.

In those days, the big bookmakers would offer early prices on maybe four of the day's most difficult handicaps.

This would be done with evident reluctance and against the advice of many of the senior operators.

There would be a few carefully-controlled ante-post markets on the big horse races and sporting events and that was it.

(If a bookmaker came along with a willingness to price up more races, it was more than the thick end of odds-on chance they would go bust and in a whole



'Picture taken the last day you could phone a decent bet in'

lot of a hurry. Nobody remembers firms like Denver Racing apart from those owed money by them.)

Ladbrokes could call upon half a dozen of the sharpest and shrewdest minds to work on these early price races.

Allied to an information network which would have earned a nod of acknowledgement from George Smiley, there wasn't much of a chance of the company being in any way over-exposed in these markets, yet liabilities did accrue.

Ricks were made.

There were some clued-up punters out there, after all, many having high-staking accounts with the company.

Careful study of these closely-monitored accounts might reveal that a certain individual did well backing horses from a certain stable, for instance, or in a particular kind of race.

Some of these accounts might be seriously in profit but provided the information accruing could be exploited for greater gain by the company, they wouldn't be closed down.

A certain grudging respect would be due to these customers, an emotion which would flow in the reverse direction.

(If, as a punter, you had landed one on Ladbrokes, you might have allowed yourself to believe you might be capable of

amounting to something in the game).

Now we must fast-forward to the online age (a world into which Ladbrokes have been distinctly sluggish to adapt, but this is another story).

The bookmakers offer odds on almost everything now. That is to say, they spread themselves exceptionally thin.

Dangerously so, it might be argued, though one would be entitled to think that the safety net of four fixed odds betting terminals per shop, each raking in roughly a grand a week, ought to soften the blow for those outfits with a sizeable betting shop estate.

You would be entitled to think that companies recording vast annual profits (sufficient for instance to enable Betfair's Breon Corcoran to recently trouser a bonus of £10m) might be willing to accommodate the traditional backer working to basic value principles, but the brute fact is that any punter operating to such principles on races other than the impossible big-field handicaps dominating the Channel 4 schedules is next to certain to find their bets so ridiculously limited as to effectively exclude them from the game.

We're not talking about the big hitters either, or even medium-staking "thieves".

"Small bets are always accepted," it was

claimed on behalf of Coral during the recent BBC documentary series *Britain At The Bookies* yet on the day the first programme was transmitted my attempt to place two £25 win singles on the day's racing on my telephone account with the company met with the knock-back.

Grateful to have this telephone facility available, I had deliberately restricted almost all my bets to this level stake (the minimum call stake limit with rivals Ladbrokes), yet even this was too much for the Stratford-based firm.

(For the record the horses were priced in the morning markets at 11-4 and 5-2. The bets were in handicaps, the horses started at bigger odds and both were beaten).

I contacted customer services for an explanation, perhaps in the hope of mounting an appeal given that the bets I had been striking – modestly successful of late after a typically lengthy losing run – could in no respect be said to pose a threat to their multi-billion pound business.

"They're in Gibraltar and they don't speak to anybody, ever," disclosed one operator.

Another insisted by email that their decision is final and that is the end of the matter, though I was still free to "to enjoy the benefits" of their casino, poker and

bingo products, whatever that might mean.

This is not to single out Corals, who at least had the good grace to accept telephone bets for a short period after blocking online access, but to illustrate the deplorable quality of customer service received by those impertinent enough to behave in a manner taken as read in almost every other retail sector, namely that the customer will be giving consideration to price, to value, before deciding which, if any, outlet will be getting their business.

Hard behind the news that two of betting's behemoths, Ladbrokes and Corals, are hoping to merge, comes an announcement that two of the most aggressive younger incarnations, Paddy Power and Betfair, are pursuing the same strategy.

If the Ladbrokes/Corals tie-in has more than a hint of the racecourse gambler desperately trying to get out of trouble by lumping on a dubious odds-on shot in the last race, the Power/Betfair pairing reeks of cynical calculation. (Tellingly, the markets were drooling at the prospect of these two wedding, while Ladbrokes remained friendless).

Little need to worry about the impact on choice for the customer, given that those apt to pause before they bet in order to seek a value price have already been all but excluded from the game, though no doubt those who are apt to pontificate about betting without any direct experience of what is actually involved will have plenty to say.

What about the betting exchange model, already relegated to a mildly dubious side-show even within the walls of its founders? Will it be allowed to wither even further on the betting vine?

Even if there is a suspicion that the majority of those profiting from the exchanges are hefty layers of known non-traders, or those with a telling technological edge in the in-running markets, at least it provides an outlet for those traditional players struggling to get their money on elsewhere, with these billion-rated companies who have neither the grit nor the good grace to lay a proper bet.

Might this attitude change after the mergers?

Might the punter be allowed to enjoy some of the "synergies" promised by the



bosses of these bloated businesses, once they have secured themselves a position within the new structure or else a vast bonus for being dismissed because they weren't considered up to it?

Let's price it up, in our heads at least, the chance of a better deal for punters.

(No SP returned at this end).

Meanwhile it would seem Corals boss Andy Hornby will be welcomed with open arms into the new structure, with Ladbrokes equivalent Jim Mullen describing him as "a first-class executive". Given that Hornby had been at the helm during the near melt-down of HBOS one is left wondering what a duff one might look like.

To return to *Britain At The Bookies*, a mildly diverting three-part documentary notable mostly for the scarring honesty in the accounts of many of the featured gamblers.

By comparison, the executives from Corals' head office seemed to be flitting around in a corporate dream-world. (Unsure how long the fellow in the trading department apt to bet randomly "for the buzz" would have lasted back in the day at Ladbrokes, but the spread wouldn't be pitched much higher than a week last Thursday).

We probably recognised familiar aspects of our betting selves in at least one of the featured characters.

Like Steve Palmer, I used to write a betting-based column in the *Racing Post* while harbouring dreams of freedom.

As it turned I didn't win anything like

the sum inked in ahead of my escape attempt, but I left the paper anyway at the end of 1989, only to find that without the readers, the winners wouldn't flow with anything like the same fluency and often were apt to dry up altogether.

You never get something for nothing from this game, after all, though hardly any of those entry-level punters recruited by Corals featured PR stunt on the Premiership football will have appreciated that.

Then again, those behind the gambleaware.co.uk initiative (in funding terms the gambling corporations themselves) need to tighten up their thinking if the following piece of advice from the "staying in control" section is any guide:

1) Don't think of gambling as a way to make money:

"The venue is using gambling to make money. It's not designed to work the other way round. Over time you will give away more money than you receive! Think of gambling as an entertainment expense – just like buying movie ticket."

Trouble is, it is nothing like buying a movie ticket and there isn't one punter in ten million who isn't thinking about making money from gambling (usually about getting something for nothing).

Getting a rush at the thought.

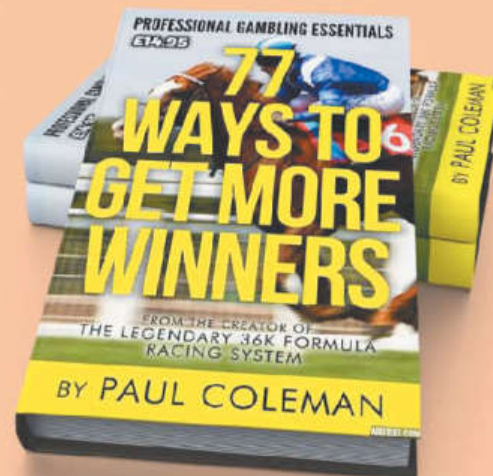
This explains why the initial national lottery strap line "it could be you" was so effective.

The odds of it actually being you were so remote it was ridiculous, but still, there was that warm kind of fluttering feeling to be detected somewhere close inside you.

Maybe, just maybe, this time... **RA**

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Our methods man is taking a new tack - and offering a new, free service

It is six years since I first started writing for Racing Ahead magazine. In that time we have looked at a number of systems and methods, some original others not.

For the most part, the purpose of the articles has been to look at ways of highlighting potential winners with punter-friendly systems that be utilised with a basic racecard.

From the correspondence that I've received, and my own reading of the old Fenman articles, it is apparent that there is still an appetite for such things among readers.

Things are much different now to when I first began writing my pieces. Even though we were part of the internet generation the 'new' IT revolution has brought a plethora of websites and apps devoted to horse racing and there are hundreds of tipster sites and advisory services to suit all punters' tastes. Therefore, the question that I have had to ask myself is: are the systems and methods that I write about still relevant?

If it's free advice you want then it is literally everywhere: betting apps feature the Racing Post spotlight and form summaries, the dedicated Racing Post app features all the newspaper tips and live course updates for free, the At The Races website features a Timeform summary for each race at no cost together with Festival and All Weather Championships microsites; and, there are many more.

In short, the punter has never had it so good. But the old adage of 'more is less' inevitably comes into play: how do you

use all this information to best advantage? I am firmly of the opinion that the punter has to have his (or her) own set of values, a framework, and a portfolio of systems in order to profit from all of this information.

The TOP-Racing Systems are in their fourth year of discussion within these pages. In the 10 months from November 1 2015 until the end of August there had been 324 winners from 1,041 selections on the Flat and All-Weather, a strike rate of 31% for a return on investment (ROI) of 92% to one point level stakes.

Over the Jumps there were 298 winners from 841 selections (35%) for an ROI of 96%. The total figures are 622/1882 (33%) for an ROI of 92%.

For a set of automatic betting systems or 'Bots' I would argue that the figures show that the framework provided by the sys-

tems works. True, there are far too many selections but I have limited the 'tweaking' as this can lead to false hopes.

For example, an analysis of the TOP-Trump System on the Flat shows that you can achieve a profit if you limit your punting to favourites in races of Class 4 and above contested over 1 mile or less on the All-Weather: 10 winning favourites from 20 selections (50%) for an ROI of 125%.

With the TOP-Shot System backing the favourites in similar class events over distances less than 1m on both the Flat and All-Weather gives you a very positive return: 13 winning favourites from 23 selections (57%) for an ROI of 145%. The number of selections is reduced considerably and whilst this selectivity is often trumpeted as a virtue it can sometimes be misleading in that the improved results do not materialise in the long-term.

So, where do we go from here?

Regular readers will be familiar with my Saturday Newsletter & Review. This used to be available for free to anybody who was interested; over the past year it has been sent out to members of the Larkspur Racing Club. As of October 31 I am going back to providing the TOP-Racing System selections et al on a pro bono basis.

I have always tried to align this article with my systems, methods and results; sometimes I have strayed into the realms of 'tipping' which for me is fraught with danger; last month I gave a nod to the chances of Covert Love for the St Leger,



Frankie Dettori



**Twilight
Son**

she promptly lost her unbeaten record in the Yorkshire Oaks and was withdrawn from the final Classic – lesson learned.

Therefore, in order to keep the article meaningful and relevant for readers I am going to provide selections for all the Channel 4 races and we will use this dataset for all our future analysis and any new system trials. Starting with a theoretical bank of 500 points we will stake 10 points on selections from the televised races if they are either: 1) a TOP-Racing System pick (TOP-Trump, TOP-Shot, TOP-Weight), 2) a Counteraction Favourite Formula (or TOP-10 System) pick, or 3) a Racing Ahead Form or 'RAF' selection. The selections will be posted via Tony@LarkspurRacing and the results available at www.larkspurRacing.co.uk and in Racing Ahead.

There will still be opportunity to look at any 'new' systems or methods, but this gives us an interactive portfolio that will provide plenty of opportunity for

further analysis. I am not a tipster but using the winner finding factors of Racecheck and best practice adopted over the years we should be able to find one or two horses to give us a little healthy interest in the televised races.

The TOP-Racing System rules will be available via the website so there is no need to reproduce them again here, and as of November 1, I will revert to calling the 'Walroy' the 'TOP-Weight System'. The Counteraction Favourite Formula will be continued through the Jumps season and we incorporate this fully into the TOP-10

System; after all, it was as a result of my own curiosity that we discovered Statistician's book *Ten Top Racing Systems* for the Flat and focussing on the Class 1 events would appear to make perfect sense when you consider that we are still showing a 33% profit over the past ten years for the analysis to date (see *Table 1*).

One reader has correctly pointed out that the races that qualify for the CFF series will tend to change year-on-year. It was not possible for me to go back to 2005 and determine which were the qualifying races each year, but I would argue

that in taking the ten-year returns for this season's qualifiers gives a reasonable insight into the credibility of backing the Class 1 favourites in the right events and I am looking forward to taking this into the National Hunt season.

Racing Ahead Form

I am still obliged contractually to Raceform in respect of the 'Larkspur Method'; therefore, in order to provide readers with an insight

Table 1

| Counteraction | Stakes | Returns | Profit/Loss | % |
|---------------|---------|-----------|-------------|---------|
| 2005 | £74.00 | £106.32 | £32.32 | 43.68% |
| 2006 | £63.00 | £81.07 | £18.07 | 28.68% |
| 2007 | £76.00 | £99.54 | £23.54 | 30.97% |
| 2008 | £68.00 | £95.19 | £27.19 | 39.99% |
| 2009 | £74.00 | £104.64 | £30.64 | 41.41% |
| 2010 | £69.00 | £102.70 | £33.70 | 48.84% |
| 2011 | £61.00 | £105.13 | £44.13 | 72.34% |
| 2012 | £84.00 | £83.75 | £-0.25 | -0.30% |
| 2013 | £71.00 | £115.57 | £44.57 | 62.77% |
| 2014 | £67.00 | £93.89 | £26.89 | 40.13% |
| 2015 | £95.00 | £82.23 | £-12.77 | -13.44% |
| Total | £802.00 | £1,070.03 | £268.03 | 33.42% |



**Secret
Number**

into the formula and give us some opportunity for some bigger priced winners (remember last season's head-to-head with Pricewise) I have added a little twist to the 'Curtis Rating System'. Racing Ahead Form or 'RAF' is simple to operate. Points are awarded for horse's last three runs and for any course and/or distance win as follows (see Table 2).

In the above example Golden Hind would be awarded 21 points (9+4+1+2+5 = 21 pts). The maximum rating any horse can achieve is 25 points. When horses have the same rating we will go with the horse that is better fancied in the betting forecast, if they are still tied then it is the horse with the higher handicap or form-expert rating. I will highlight the RAF selections for each Channel 4 race via Twitter.

I think this is a better

approach than Curtis because it makes the thing 'ours' and I don't fall foul of letting the cat-out-of-the-bag as it were from a 'Larkspur Method' point of view.

On Saturday, September 5, 2015 Twilight Son won the Haydock Sprint at odds of 10/1 and Henry Candy's horse was top of the RAF ratings for the race; there were also wins for Jack Hobbs and Maljaa 5/1.

True to say that RAF won't find 10/1 winners every week but it was not a bad start. At the Doncaster St Leger Festival we had Nemoralia 7/4 and Gutaifan 7/4 (both ridden by Frankie Dettori), and then

Simple Verse in the final Classic of the season and we also had Secret Number 11/8 at Chester in the televised races.

It would have been nice to have trumpeted the virtues of the RAF system with an 8/1 winner of the St Leger. Having said that, if your bookmaker pays first-past-the-post the argument - from a punting point of view - is academic, but that's not the point; the stewards appear to have got it very wrong and you only had to read Aidan O'Brien's comments after the race to realise that he felt his horse was very lucky to have been awarded the win.

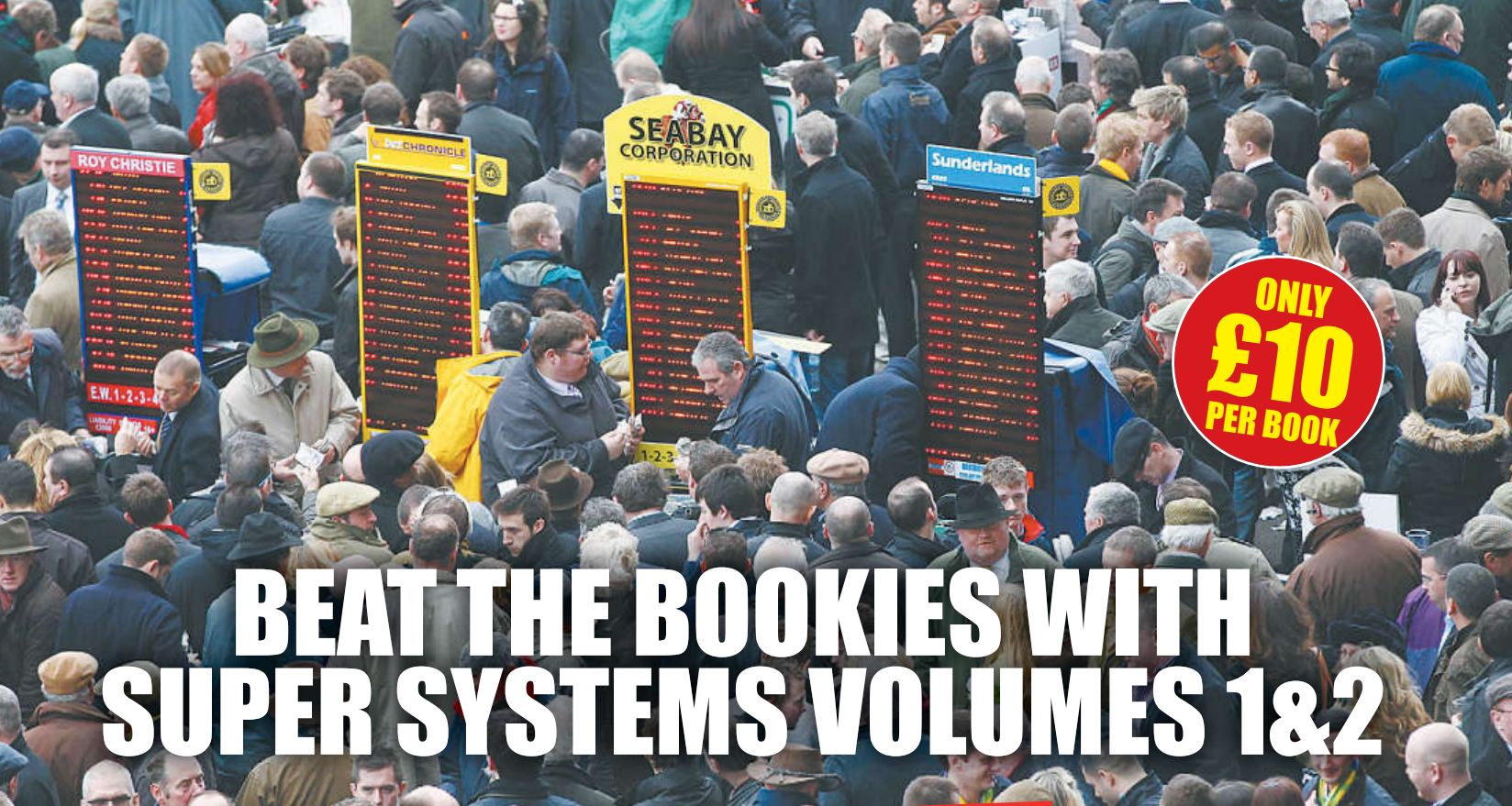
At the time of writing, Simple Verse's connections have decided to launch an appeal and so we might be able to claim the win yet... By the way, the winner was highlighted by the Larkspur Method... but that's beside the point. Happy Racing! **RA**

Table 2

| RACING AHEAD FORM | Won | Placed (2nd) | Placed (3rd) |
|-------------------|-------|--------------|--------------|
| Last Run | 9 pts | 6 pts | 3 pts |
| 2nd Last Run | 6 pts | 4 pts | 2 pts |
| 3rd Last Run | 3 pts | 2 pts | 1 point |

A COURSE winner is awarded 2 points and a DISTANCE winner 5 points.

Example: 321 Golden Hind CD



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KING OF THE CASTLE

Andrew Ayres with the horses that can see us into Autumn with a few winners

**KEMPTON AUGUST 17 (STANDARD-SLOW)
6f two-year-old maiden (Class 4)**

Fair form

VERNE CASTLE (Andrew Balding) is a strong colt from a smart sprinting family. He travelled powerfully, only weakening into mid-division once lack of condition told inside the final furlong. This handsome chestnut will improve markedly for his debut – as is usually the case with newcomers from the Balding yard – and should win races.

SANDOWN AUGUST 22 (GOOD)

1m fillies & mares listed (Class 1)

Competitive event

BLOND ME (Andrew Balding) has thrived physically this summer and was an unlucky loser after being denied a run for much of the straight. She would have scored by a clear cut margin granted a sharper tactical ride from David Probert and is nailed on to bag a similar contest.

SANDOWN AUGUST 24 (STANDARD-SLOW)

7f two-year-old fillies (Class 4)

Useful form

BARLEYSUGAR (Sir Michael Stoute) is a strong, scopey filly from a decent family. She looked in need of the outing but showed bags of natural ability by travelling strongly and bustling up the winning favourite Mise En Rose. This was an encouraging debut and Barleysugar will be scoring soon.

KEMPTON AUGUST 26 (STANDARD-SLOW)

1m three-year-old handicap (Class 4)

Ordinary contest

FLYING HAMMER (William Haggas) looked a cut above his rivals in the pad-

dock and did well to win after being poorly positioned when the muddling pace eventually picked-up. This lightly raced, unexposed colt remains well treated off his revised mark (85) and could be set for a profitable autumnal campaign.

GOODWOOD AUGUST 28 (SOFT)

1m two-year-old maiden (Class 4)

Muddling race on bad ground

GUNS OF LEROS (Gary Moore) looks a racehorse but was green to post and sluggish leaving the stalls. He caught the eye when moving smoothly into contention turning for home and shaped much better than his finishing position (fourth) suggests. We won't see the best of Guns Of Leros until next term when he could develop into a fair handicapper.

LINGFIELD SEPTEMBER 2 (HEAVY)

7f maiden (Class 6)

Fair race for the grade

FLY (James Fanshawe) is a half-sister to some smart performers (notably the Group 1 winning filly Seal Of Approval) and impressed as a tall, rangy attractive individual. She seemed to face mission impossible when miles back at halfway, but motored home once the penny dropped to get her head in front on the line. While she might have been a tad fortunate to collect – runner-up Napoleon Solo was given a desperate ride by William Twiston-Davies – Fly was the best long term prospect in this race and must be supported in handicaps off a lenient mark of 70.

SALISBURY SEPTEMBER 3 (SOFT)

6f212y two-year-old fillies (Class 3)

Race that will produce winners

NATHRA (John Gosden) definitely looked

in need of the outing but belied her burly appearance by running out a game winner after racing prominently. It bodes well for the future that this 270,000gns purchase was able to score when carrying plenty of condition and she could be contesting Group races this autumn.

LIGHT MUSIC (William Haggas) is a strong filly from a family of smart milers. She looked certain to score when engaging battle with Nathra from the furlong pole, but could never quite assert and went down narrowly. This was a solid debut and Light Music will win soon.

6f two-year-old fillies Group 3 (Class 1)

Impressive winner

LA RIOJA (Henry Candy) was a size bigger than her (mainly) diminutive opponents but proved easy to back, possibly due to her trainer being in the midst of a lean spell. That did not hinder La Rioja and she quickened away to win impressively after Andrea Atzeni barged his way out of a pocket. La Rioja will be difficult to place next term – connections have virtually ruled out the Guineas as she looks a doubtful stayer – and her best chance of a major success could be in the top two-year-old prizes this autumn.

KEMPTON SEPTEMBER 4 (STANDARD-SLOW)

6f two-year-old maiden (Class 5)

Messy race

SILENT ATTACK (Saeed Bin Suroor) was the subject of a strong whisper and attracted a welter of support close to the off. Unfortunately he blew his chance at the start, bucking and kicking as he exited the gates and soon being stuck in rear. It says something for the colt's raw ability that he managed to rally into seventh and we can rest assured that Silent Attack is



Blond Me

capable of infinitely better. Give this lengthy, attractive colt another chance.

KEMPTON SEPTEMBER 5 (STANDARD/SLOW)

7f two-year-old conditions (Class 4)

Impressive winner

ZONDERLAND (Clive Cox) is built like a four-year-old sprinter and annihilated this field after travelling strongly throughout. This was an impressive display from a debutant tackling experienced rivals (two of whom already boasted winning form) and Zonderland is almost certainly a Group class juvenile. Follow him closely.

WINDSOR SEPTEMBER 7 (GOOD-SOFT)

7f two-year-old fillies maiden (Class 5)

Fair form

GRAVITY FLOW (William Haggas) is a striking, well-made daughter of the speed influence Exceed And Excel. She was poorly positioned at halfway and might have beaten the more enterprisingly ridden Sunflower but for allowing that filly first run. Gravity Flow will



Cat Silver

PICKS FROM THE PADDOCK

improve for this debut and should score next time.

ROBBIE ROO ROO (Giles Bravery) still looks a shade leggy, but showed bags of promise without being seriously put into the race by Martin Harley. She needs one more run to get a mark for nurseries and will be worth supporting when moved into that sphere.

KEMPTON SEPTEMBER 9 (STANDARD-SLOW)

7f two-year-old nursery (Class 6)

Modest form

BRAVE ARCHIBALD (Paul Cole) looked a bit better than this grade in the paddock and was only just denied after rallying strongly from the furlong pole. He gives every indication that a step-up in trip will suit – his sire Arch is a stamina influence – and looks the sort to pay his way on the AW this autumn/winter.

SANDOWN SEPTEMBER 11 (GOOD)

1m two-year-old maiden (Class 5)

Ordinary form

CAT SILVER (Sir Michael Stoute) was incredibly sleepy in the prelims and



Zonderland

didn't look anywhere near sharp enough to get involved. He ran much better than his pre-race demeanour suggested though, coming home strongly to finish fifth after a slightly troubled passage. There's much more to come from this well-bred colt and he should develop into

a cracking three-year-old.

EAST INDIES (John Gosden) looked a tad raw and burly in the paddock but shaped well after running with the choke out for the first half of the race. He's got plenty of scope and will leave this form behind. **RA**

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PEMBRIDGE HAS THE STAYING POWER

Jeremy Grayson's indefatigable search for future winners at the smaller Jumps tracks now enters the final few weeks of the summer Jumping season.

STRATFORD, SEPTEMBER 5 (CHASE: GOOD TO SOFT, GOOD IN PLACES. HURDLES: REVERSED)

2m2f148yds 0-100 Selling Handicap Hurdle (class 5)

It was a plating event, she was beaten 8l, and she possibly owed third to impeding another rival on the turn in. This is not in question. Notwithstanding all of which, PEMBRIDGE's third place still represented a clear step up on all previous known form for Adrian Wintle's Kayf Tara mare and rekindled hope there may yet be a basement-grade handicap to be won with her. The first foal of a dam placed at 2m4f who can number several winners over that far and further among her own immediate family, there may be more to come granted a sustained run of starts over longer trips, despite previous disappointment at 3m.

2m6f125yds 0-140 Handicap Chase (class 3)

It's becoming a long time between drinks for 2013 Old Roan Chase winner CONQUISTO, but a prominent showing for

much of this event confirms that the fire still burns even with his eleventh birthday hovering into view. Now 10lb lower than for that Grade 2 limited handicap success, the Brian Ellison-trained son of Hernando is too well handicapped at present for another decent winning payday to be ruled out – all the more so if returned to the 2m4f trip over which he's still on balance a more tempting proposition.

WORCESTER, SEPTEMBER 8 (GOOD TO FIRM)

2m110yds Novices' Chase (class 4)

Trying to contain a 145-rated hurdler on their chasing debut is hard enough, never mind trying to do so ceding that rival race-fitness on one's own first start over fences; but LYRIC STREET gave it the usual game go out in front before collected by Ittirad from the all-powerful John Ferguson yard approaching the last. No more bred for fences than the winner, Donald McCain's seven-year-old nevertheless took all bar the final fence reasonably tidily, if not always gun-barrel straight, and the experience won't have been lost on



Demographic

him. By no means dependent on either a sharp track or sound surfaces to succeed despite his aggressive racing style, connections shouldn't struggle to find an opening for this son of Hurricane Run before the season's best novices start to emerge.

2m Mares' Maiden Hurdle (class 5)

Hailing from a family rich with winners (many of them stayers) that handler Stuart Edmunds doubtless knows inside out from his time working for their late owner-breeder Renee Robeson, it's hard to believe that a very slowly run 2m event represented anything like enough of a test for hurdling debutante KAYLA. It's hoped that a realistic view is taken of this piece of form by the assessor, given the 6l margin of defeat could have been greater had the winner not idled for almost the whole



duration of the race. More immediately, it's hoped that a step up to the 2m4f-2m5f over which so many mares' novices' hurdles are run, is under consideration next for this former Towcester bumper scorer. Ground soft or deeper remains an untried option.

2m4f 0-100 Hands & Heels CJ and AR Handicap Hurdle (class 5)

In a race utterly devoid of pace, being played first and sprinting (as far as a 90s-rated hurdler is capable of doing) for the line proved a better winning strategy than waiting for something to happen; and although one-time national novice Pointing champion Martin McIntyre did finally deliver BARTON ANTIX's challenge up the run-in, the line was always going to come too soon. It's not hard to mark up the Fair Mix gelding's second place finish as

better than the bare form, and although this was clearly not the most exacting test at the trip it did confirm the upturn in his fortunes since stepped up to the 2m3f-2m5f range of distances at which his dam was successful. Yet another "Barton"-prefixed horse to run in the famous Lady Clarke stripes, Neil Mulholland's inmate assuredly has a similar race of this sort in him is continuing to avoid soft ground. Chasing is also still to be tried.

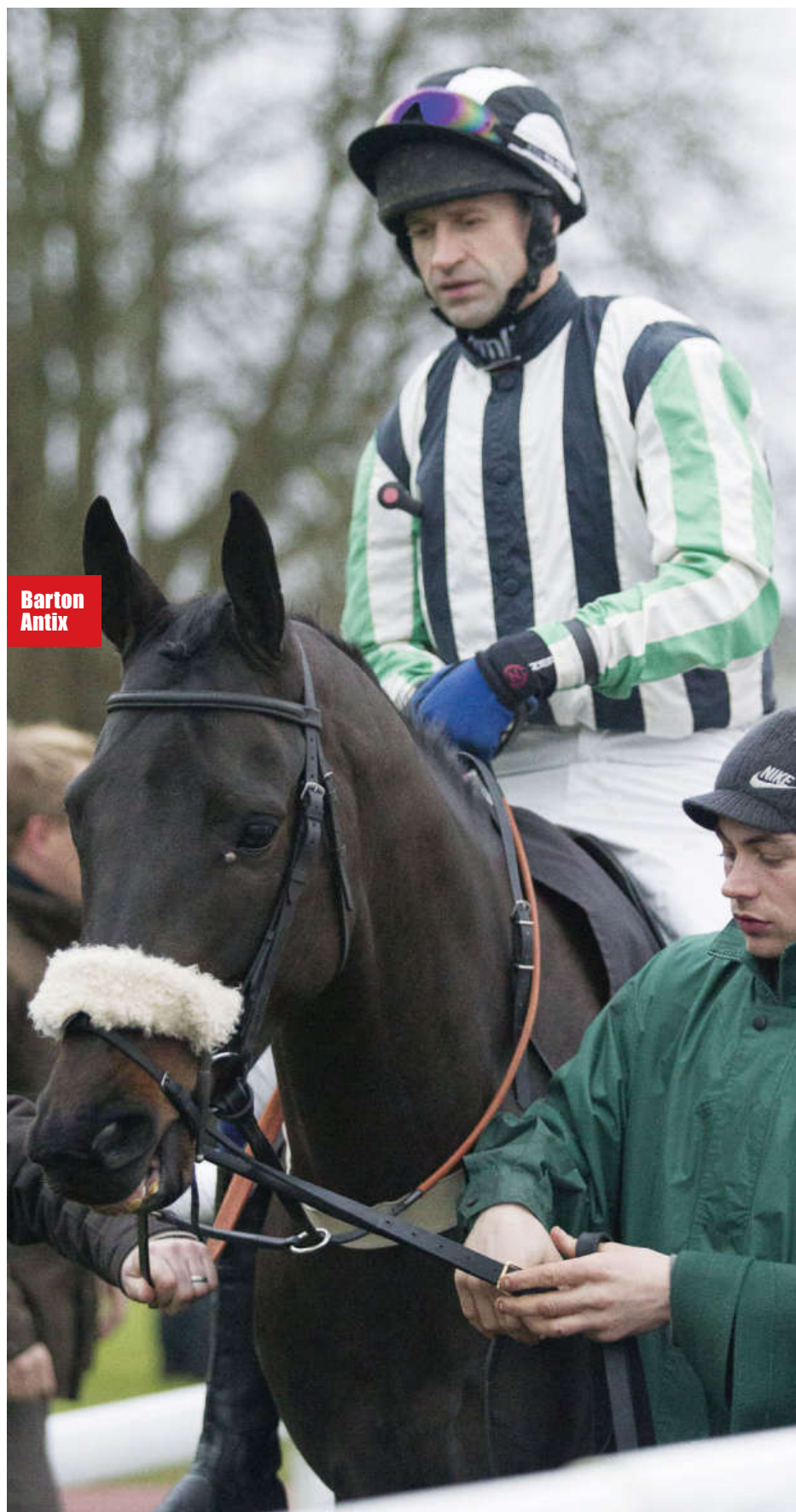
UTTOXETER, SEPTEMBER 9 (GOOD)

2m7f70yds 0-120 Handicap Hurdle (class 4)

A competitive-looking handicap for 0-120 standards hid two potential horses to follow among its unplaced finishers, albeit two who'd probably need it to ride a lot softer if to oblige next time. The small punt

on Jonjo O'Neill's handicap debutant ADAM DU BREAUTEAU looked in trouble as soon as it became apparent that the Network gelding needed the outing, but a surface drier than ideal may have dulled his finishing effort in any event. A soft-ground Irish Point winner 18 months previously but still to encounter anything deeper than good to soft over hurdles, it's not hard to envisage him stepping up on all Rules efforts to date once getting his toes muddier.

The same applies all the more so to MURCHU, unseen for almost exactly two years before posting a 271 fifth that was respectable as much for it being recorded on far too dry a surface as it was for following such an absence. Second in both a Leinster National and Punchestown's Grand National Trial in winter 2013, and a 3m5f Grade C scorer at Fairyhouse the



**Barton
Antix**

preceding Christmas (as with the others off a flyweight and with the mud flying), the former Shark Hanlon-trained nine-year-old has surely been sourced by Tom Malone for Tim Vaughan with desperate slogs in deep ground in mind. A satellite national seems attainable, but if carrying low weights is particularly important he'd not be without interest if making the cut for the Eider (assuming if, as in 2015, it attracts a maximum field again).

2m4f 0-120 Handicap Chase (class 4)

In an event ultimately dominated by a pair of competitors making debuts for their respective yards, it was the former Richard Newland-trained Jayo Time that made a winning start for Kerry Lee but the now Richard Hobson-trained runner-up VALADOM that makes more interest going forward having had just this one start in 2015-16 as opposed to his rival's nine. Not as extensively raced over fences for one of his age as many French imports tend to be (eleven previous chase outings), an unfamiliarity with British obstacles did seem to catch up with this son of Dadarissime eventually, but the raw material is assuredly there to pick up something to today's contest if the mistakes are ironed out. Not overburdened off a low-110s mark on this showing, the highlights of his previous tenure with Emmanuel Clayeux point to greatest effectiveness at 2m2f-2m5f on anything from good to heavy.

1m7f215yds 0-100 Handicap Hurdle (class 5)

A handicap win of any description remains elusive, but the signs were certainly an awful lot more positive again for MULLIGAN'S MAN on this second start for rookie trainer Clare Ellam than on the first as the Morozov gelding plugged on into a respectable 8l third. A winner of each of his first four starts for Donald McCain in summer 2012 (hurdles and bumpers on good and soft) but nothing since, the now eight-year-old is the first jumps runner for the Derbyshire-based former employee of Reg Hollinshead, Paul Gilligan and Barry Brennan, and success off an admittedly career-low mark would nevertheless stand as some measure of this equine physiotherapist/thermographer's gifts of rehabilitation. A step back up in trip ought not inconvenience this erst-



while 2m4f winner, and there's experience of fences to potentially put to use in handicap or novice handicap chase company before long, having already placed seven times over the larger obstacles.

STRATFORD, SEPTEMBER 14 (GOOD TO SOFT)

**2m6f7yds 0-110 Handicap Hurdle
(class 4)**

As is so often the case, it's only about this time of year that Emma Lavelle's string starts to appear on a racetrack in any greater number, and while one early-September starter had already found the target it's worth noting that that was one of the very few kept on the go through the summer. Contrariwise DEMOGRAPHIC had enjoyed a near four-month break before posting this tidy return effort, which for some way looked as if it might yield the front-running Aptitude gelding better than an 8l fourth before the lack of recent practice took its toll. Still far from overrated since debuting for Lavelle in a junior bumper three years previously, a return to around the 2m3f trip of his autumn 2014 Fontwell victory (while keeping the same assertive tactics) may yet see him go closer again next time if deriving the full benefit of this outing. **RA**

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EPSOM SEPT 10

EPSOM hosted its mid-week 'Checka-trade Tradesmen's Raceday' bathed in glorious late-summer sunshine. It's one of those racecourses that has been designed around their one big meeting and has little hope of matching that capacity the rest of the year. While that may not be great news for the Jockey Club Racecourses accounts, it does mean that racegoers can enjoy rattling around it with comfort at the 'off' meetings, which is a real treat.

A lot of old faces that used to haunt these tracks are either no longer with us or no longer come for various reasons, which is a real shame. Every now and again a face from days gone by will make a surprise appearance. One such face made a racecourse regular's eyes light up today, he pointed and exclaimed with some amazement: 'Bloody hell there's Stan The Spiv'. The image you just conjured up from nowhere of 'Stan The Spiv' is probably accurate, a fella of advancing years that looked full of character. Foolishly I asked the bleeding obvious, why he was called that. The racecourse regular looked at me with a mixture of disdain and incredulity and relied with the obvious too. 'Because his name is Stan and he's a bloody Spiv'. I'm assuming that 'Spiv' in this case is a term of endearment. When I asked why he'd not gone over to say hello he laughed and said he'd never get away from him then when he did eventually make a break for it he would have lent him a tanner, which of course he'd never get back.

Stan was nowhere to be seen before betting on the first of the six races on the day's card. Six went to post with three horses fighting it out for market leader all around the 2/1 mark. Judging by the look on the faces of the few bookmakers that turned up business had been very light. There were certainly no big hitters in evidence. Not taking much would have meant not losing much either when one of the 2/1 shots, Lytham St Annes, won the race by some three lengths.

When the 'Weighed-In' announcement was given, racegoers were told that they could now go and collect any winning bets. That must come from a very yellowed and out-dated announcers' manual as the days of waiting for paying out on

'STAN THE SPIV' BACK AT EPSOM

Simon Nott finds some old faces turning up at the Surrey racecourse



the weighed in are long gone, mind you, after the St Ledger maybe not!

The second race on the card was a tough-looking nine-runner handicap. There was extra interest in the race because it featured Castle Talbot which was Richard Hughes' first runner as a trainer. The market didn't point to a fairytale start going off at 7/1 and so it proved but it ran well enough to finish fourth and collect £293 place money for connections. Up at the business end of the race we were treated to a really desperate finish when Italian Beauty and Inke flashed past the post together. I must correct myself,

when I say 'desperate' it looked desperate to me but it didn't stop people betting 7/1 shot Italian Beauty at 1/10 before she prevailed by a nose. How do they know? I had a quick squint to see if the ghost of Alex Bird was there, he wasn't. Somebody must be getting a better view than the TV screens though, at least you'd have thought so to bet 1/10 something that won by a pixel or two. They got it right though so I doubt anyone will be letting us in on their secrets any time soon.

Third heat on the card was another handicap, this time with 10 runners. The bookies still didn't appear to be very busy

but at least they were basking in the sun. My new home, Witheridge a lovely little village in Devon, has a church fete the villagers all look forward to attending. That's the sort of ambience there was in the ring prior to the race. 'Very small' was one's summing up of the trade. Hopefully that meant he wouldn't have lost too much on Live Dangerously which won at 11/2 having opened at 9/2.

The fourth on the card was an interesting race as it was The Jump Jockeys Derby run over the Derby course and confined to jump jockeys. Am I getting a bit 'Stan The Spiv' again there stating the bleedin' obvious? Sorry. The market picked up a bit with Royal History backed from 5/2 into 15/8 before bouncing back to 9/4 at the off with a bet of £1000-£400 struck. There had been a tip for Serenity Now in the morning which ensured it opened at a tentative 7/2 before easing to 9/2. Neither of the aforementioned troubled the judge with 14/1 Starluck landing the spoils. One for the bookies.

There was a gamble landed in the fifth, The JRA Handicap Stakes, Azzir was backed from 7/1 into 9/2 and won by a neck. However that doesn't tell the whole story, anyone that got involved having on more than they could afford to lose (of course nobody does that, we all bet responsibly) would have already been climbing the stands preparing for a 'blue jaunt'. The gelding's cause looked to be a hopeless one as Strait Of Magellan went clear and appeared home and hosed at the furlong pole. Full marks to jockey Jordan Vaughan who never gave up urging, eventually coming home with a perfectly timed run to collar the long-time leader close home.

By the lucky last the books couldn't be blamed if they'd let their guard down and accepted that today was just one of those quiet ones. Imagine the startle that a punter gave the bookie he sauntered up to and asked for a £6,000 - £1,000 Tidal's Baby.

That price soon fractured into 9/2 but the punter was on, come racing. Sadly for him but happily for the bookie, and this column loves bookies, the money was misplaced along with another bet of £2,500-£500. The gelding only managed eighth behind 16/1 Harwoods Star which was a great result for the bookmakers.



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The twilight meeting at Salisbury started well when Rupert Mackeson bought some *Skint Mobs* off me to knock out on his stall. If you ever see Rupert selling his books and prints on racecourses go and have a chat and buy something, he's a fascinating chap with a let's say colourful history, Google him.

The blue sky had gone grey by the opener but not as grey as the hair of favourite-backers in the opening maiden. They left it behind in style when Abe Back could only manage third. The writing had been on the wall when the opening 8/11

eased to 5/6 having nudged evens. A couple of punters got on at the top prices to grands and monkeys. The race went to 14/1 shot Jim Dandy which was a great start for the bookies and 'Lucky' Bob who backed it, not so great for this column's old mate 'Arnaloft' Alex who laid it – not to Bob you understand but on the machine.

Bo Brown betting as West End Racing stuck his neck out and went 500/1 a couple of outsiders in the race. He did have some takers including a chap who risked a couple of quid on the reversed forecast. Bo told me the punter asked what it would pay to which he replied 'Put it this

way, you'd probably get all this', gesturing to the joint though hopefully not including young Shannon taking the bets. He then explained that he thought he'd better not point out that in reality the man was infinitely more likely to have just donated his £2 and so it proved though they did finish last and second last either, but nearly.

It didn't take long for favourite-backers to a winner when In The Red put them back in the black by the winning the next division of the maiden. The victory was despite drifting from odds-on to odds-against eventually returning 5/4 after hitting 6/4, one book got filled in to the tune of £900-£600, come racing.

The third race on the card was a nursery and went to another favourite, David Elsworth's Justice Angel who won with some ease despite drifting from 3/1 to 7/2f. Rumour had it that the trainer almost pulled the filly out due to the going. The bookies that got wind of that would have been rueing the decision to give her the tug. As my racing hero Barney Curley once said, 'Never listen to racecourse rumours', unless he starts them I suppose.

Bo Brown was at it again in the next, a Conditions Stakes contested by just three fillies. Bucking the trend he was betting 1/5 the odds a place 1&2 each-way. There were plenty of takers about the outsider of three because as we all know the outsider of three always wins, apart from today, it finished last so Bo copped the cash. The rest of the ring did too when the jolly, Shwaimsa the 8/11 poke got beaten by 2/1 shot Flying Empress though one rails firm did lay a £1350-£600 the winner.

By the fifth, The Bathwick Tyres Handicap Stakes all the gimmicks appeared to have dried up but the money certainly hadn't. Waseem Faris came in for some support at 11/2 and 5/1 including a £3,300 - £600 but those punters left it behind. That's not to say the bookies copped though because things got a whole lot worse for those sticking it up the jollies when Extrasolar landed a 5/1 into 3/1 punt. One rails book admitted to laying the top price to 'hundreds' which 'explains why we did our b*ll*cks'.

The penultimate, The Rex Watton Memorial Handicap Stakes saw plenty of money for the favourite Potternello



backed from 2/1 early into 13/8. Possibly in reaction to that Honcho was the big drifter from 5/2 out to 3/1 at the off though one book on the rails did manage to snag a £500-£200. It wasn't quite so good for him after the race when Honcho made short work of the opposition. The jolly was back in third but despite the drift it was another result that was no good for most of the books.

Talking of what was no good for the bookmakers, I suggest that those people who have deserted the racecourse in favour of sitting in a darkened room staring at an exchange screen, you are missing a trick. Have a look at the best prices done and see the margins the bookmakers bet to on so many races, at best prices there is rarely a margin and often they have bet over-broke. Add to that all the extra information that there is to be gleaned on course and it really is time to think about dusting off your bins and coming racing again.

The betting in the lucky last The Breed-

ers Backing Racing EBF Maiden Stakes focused around Bank Of Gibraltar which drifted from 11/8 to 7/4 though did attract a bet of £600-£400 and Trevisani backed from 11/4 into 7/4 with £1650-£600 and £1100-£400 done at the top prices. The market got it bang on with forecasting which of the two would run better, Bank Of Gibraltar finished stone last. Trevisani ran faster but could only manage fourth behind its 20/1 stablemate Anzhelika. That victory ended the day with a welcome 'result' for the bookies who unashamedly roared her home.

I hope for their sakes the bigger staking punters were out of earshot, ha ha maybe not.

Simon's book 'Skint Mob - Tales From The Betting Ring' can be obtained from various places, via his website www.simonnott.co.uk, Amazon and as an e-book in Kindle, Nook and Kobo formats. Oh and of course, also from Rupert Mackeson on course. **RA**

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WHY IT IS VITAL TO HAVE A BETTING BANK

Insufficient cash-flow when you're betting for profit is a recipe for disaster says Tim Rands

One of the biggest mistakes many punters make when trying to make a profit from betting is not starting with a big enough Betting Bank. Whether you're backing your own tips, or those of a proven tipster, you have to have start with enough money to see you through the inevitable lean spells and leave you with enough to back the winners when they start flowing again. It's certainly a mistake I made when I started betting – but, by following the advice below, it's one you shouldn't have to!

SET LONG-TERM GOALS

You should always consider betting for profit as a long-term investment, as it is unusual for a tipster or system (no matter how good) to show a profit every week or even every month. However, a good tipster or system should show an annual profit. Therefore, it's important that you always follow the recommended advice in regard to setting up a Betting Bank.

FIND THE RIGHT PER POINT STAKE

A typically recommended betting bank would be 100 times your per point investment (though this may vary so check the individual recommendations); meaning if you intend to bet £10 per point you'll want to start with a Betting Bank of £1,000. However, if you can only put together a betting bank of £500, that doesn't mean you can't start betting, but you must adjust your

stakes according to what you can afford to invest – in this case £5 per recommended point.

KEEP YOUR BETTING BANK SEPARATE

Think of your betting bank as a savings account from which you can't make withdrawals until the agreed period of the long-term investment is up. Even if you make a decent profit in the short-term, it's likely that a losing run won't be too far away – and you want to make sure you've got enough in the bank to take full-advantage of the next winning run. Also keep your betting bank completely separate from all other money so you're not tempted to dip into it to fund a “spontaneous celebration” or something similar.

GETTING THE BEST PRICES

Making sure you get the best-prices about all the selections you back is paramount to maximising profits, and to do this you must always have cash-flow. You'll often find Monday's selection is best-priced with Bet365, Tuesday's with Coral, and Wednesday's with Stan James; and you need to have funds readily available in several accounts to make sure you get those best prices. There's nothing worse than having to take 10/1 when you can get 12/1 elsewhere or, worse still, missing a winning bet completely because you're waiting for limited funds to clear back into your bank account.

NEVER DOUBLE-DIP

If, like me and many millions of other punters, you like betting on more than one sport, it's really important to have completely separate recommended Betting Banks for each one. Just imagine that, heavens forbid, you hit a losing run on all sports at the same time – the chances are you'll have nothing left to invest when the good times return.

WHEN YOUR LONG-TERM GOAL ENDS

If your selections or those of the tipster you follow prove profitable over a long-term period, you'll have a bigger betting bank than you started with – and you have two choices. You either withdraw your profit to spend as you see fit, leaving you with your original betting bank to go to war with on your next long-term goal.

Or you may choose to increase your per point stake with a view to maximising future profits. For example, if in your first year of betting you made £250 profit (meaning you now have £1,250 in your bank) you may wish to increase your stake to £12.50 per point. Providing annual profits remain at 25%, this additional investment would then see you make £312.50 the year after, and £390 the year after that – the choice is yours!

But if you want to bet like a Betting God please start betting with the correct Betting Bank! **RA**


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FAMILY AFFAIR FOR ANOTHER PIGGOTT STAR

Graham Buddry recalls the great sprinter Moorestyle

In 1978 the senior board members of Moores International Furnishings decided on a new approach to advertising their products rather than just through newspapers and magazines. Entirely innovative at the time, they decided to buy an inexpensive racehorse and name it after their company, thus getting recognition every time it ran. In some ways it didn't matter how good the animal was as long as it was cheap enough and ran often enough in televised races.

As such, Susan Piggott was dispatched to the sales to buy a yearling. Several took her eye but the one she kept coming back to and was sure wouldn't go over her budget was a gangly bay bred by John Parker. Born on 27 April 1977, the yearling was sired by Manacle, an average sprinter, whose only notable offspring had dead heated for first place in the Prix l'Abbaye at Lonchamp two years earlier. Susan was certain the price wouldn't be high as the dam was a Swedish bred mare of little note and Sweden was not exactly at the cutting edge of top class horseflesh.

Duly the lot came in and fell to Susan for just 4,000 guineas and thus began a true rags to riches story. The new purchase would be trained by Susan's brother, Robert Armstrong, and ridden in most of his races by her husband, Lester.

Moores International Furnishings were one of the first companies to name a racehorse for advertising purposes but they were constricted on their original choice of names, eventually settling on Moorestyle. As a two-year-old Moorestyle was still on

the leggy side and ran green in his first races and although he kept at his work as best he could he still ran out of steam after half a mile as he grew and learned.

On 22 August 1979 Moorestyle was shipped to York for a third attempt to break his maiden, and an hour after the supremely versatile Sea Pigeon had given six years and nearly three stone to Donegal Prince to win a scintillating Ebor by a short head, it was Moorestyle's turn. Starting as the 11/4 favourite Piggott's mount made all in the six furlong maiden against modest opposition and needed shaking uponly in the final furlong to run out a six-length winner. The Moores International Furnishings executives present were thrilled at the success of their horse and considered the 4,000 guineas purchase as money well spent. Susan glowed and Robert had his back heartily slapped but Lester was quietly considering the feel the horse had given him and how well he had seen his race out this time.

In early October Moorestyle went to Newmarket for a Nursery handicap and although he led two furlongs out there was no answer to a smarter colt who went away to win by three lengths. Still, second place was not bad and Piggott was now certain of the best way to ride the colt.

Exactly three weeks later Moorestyle had his final race of the season. Dropped back to five furlongs for the Doncaster Stakes, Piggott asked Moorestyle to start his run from third place just before the furlong pole and Moorestyle lengthened his stride with such effect he quickly made

up the ground to shoot past the leader and was eased down before the line to win comfortably. Years later Piggott would recall this as a defining moment for the colt, stating that when he asked him to quicken Moorestyle "responded like a champion".

The transition for a young horse from two to three can often throw all the best laid plans to ruin. Many brilliant two-year-olds simply don't train on and perform to a mediocre standard. Most just make the normal sort of improvement as they grow into their frame and get stronger but only the exceptional progress beyond all expectations and continue that incredible upward curve all season long.

Moorestyle was one of those whom Robert, Susan and Lester saw blossom with another year under his belt and knew it could potentially be a season to remember. As such, his first engagement was set for Newmarket and the seven furlong Free Handicap. Having clearly not just trained on but improved considerably, Moorestyle won well. Upped in distance to a mile for the first time for a valuable prize in France he found just one a shade too good in a classy field which included the subsequent Washington International Stakes winner, Argument.

Reverting back to seven furlongs, Moorestyle then contested a Trophy handicap at York. He was held towards the back on the wide outside before another trademark surge of power swept him past the field for victory.

Armstrong considered running his



**Moorestyle
with Lester
Piggott**

charge at the top table and pencilled in The July Cup, but thought it prudent to ask Lester his opinion and got a typically short answer: "He'll win". Such was Piggott's confidence that he shot Moorestyle out in front on the nearside group from the start and stayed there. The two groups eventually merged, but Moorestyle was already well ahead by then and those other brilliant sprinters Vaigly Great and Sharpo could only scrap it out for the minor places.

Another trip to France was next on the agenda, this time for the Prix Maurice de Gheest. Although accounting for a multiple Group One winner, Moorestyle just failed to give weight to an improving French

four-year-old and had to settle for second place.

Back to England the target was Haydock Park's Vernons Sprint Cup over six furlongs. Out of the stalls like a scalded cat Moorestyle flew, already in the lead at the turn into the straight and the race was never in doubt, Kampala, King of Spain and Vaigly Great chasing shadows for the minor places. Having now conquered the best races in England the only place to go was back to Longchamp for the Prix l'Abbaye, Europe's premier sprint.

With another flying start the only horse he had to fear was Sharpo, who turned in a scintillating performance and pulverised the entire field...bar one. Up front

Moorestyle continued his string of top class victories, crossing the line with daylight in second place, pushed out but never threatened. The Challenge Stakes at Newmarket proved another easy success for the brilliant colt on a day when Piggott notched a five-timer, and then scored his seventh success of the season on yet another trip to France when storming home in the Prix de la Foret.

British Horse of the Year had been inaugurated in 1959 and in 1980, winning the vast majority of the votes, Moorestyle became the first sprinter to win the title.

In the International Classifications of Britain, France and Ireland, Moorestyle was rated the best horse in Europe, one

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pound ahead of both Ela-Mana-Mou and Argument. Timeform weighed in with their top rating of the year for 1980 on 137, a figure which would only be bettered by Shergar, Dancing Brave and Reference Point in the remainder of the decade.

It is needless to say that Moores International Furnishings were rather pleased with their 4,000 guineas purchase and, since the original intention had been to race, Moorestyle duly stayed in training for another year, although they did sell a half share to the National Stud.

His four-year-old campaign started badly when another horse cannoned into him on the gallops and his belated opening race was ruined by losing one plate and twisting another half off during the race. In the July Cup, Moorestyle was back to his brilliant best but had to settle for second behind

the flying filly, Marwell.

Normal service was resumed back in France though, winning the Prix Maurice de Gheest, easing down close home yet still breaking the track record.

After a couple of reversals back in England, including a close second to Sharpo, a decision was taken to take on the crack miler, To-Agori-Mou, in the Waterford Crystal Mile at Goodwood.

Incredibly it was Moorestyle who set out to make the running at a swift pace and held the lead until the two furlong marker.

Here To-Agori-Mou, under pressure, swept past the leader and went a couple of lengths up, but Piggott got down to work on Moorestyle who quickly bore down on the new leader and was barely half a length behind and still closing as they crossed the line.

Moorestyle would have just three more races now...first storming from

pillar to post in the Diadem Stakes at Ascot in a race where a dog got loose and shot across the course ahead of the field two furlongs from home.

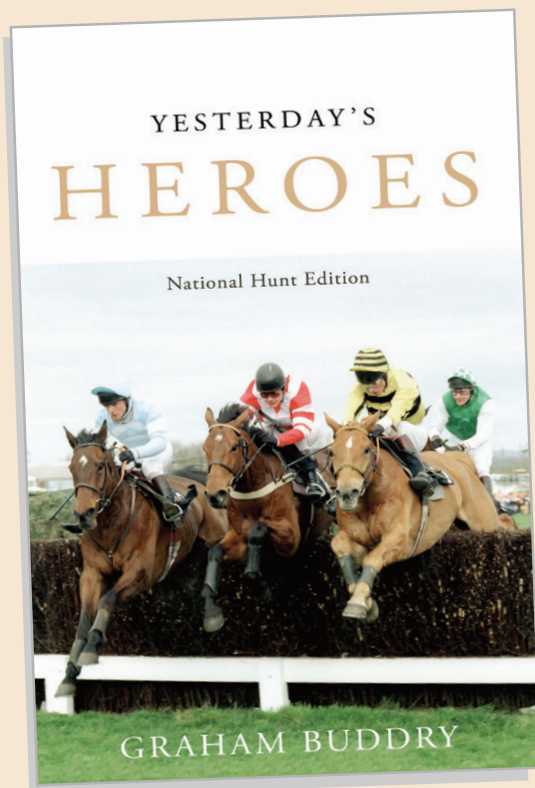
This was followed by a comprehensive second victory in the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket before bowing out with a repeat win in the Prix de la Foret at Longchamp to record a thirteenth success for both Moorestyle and Piggott.

Retired to the National Stud there was scant time to become the successful sire of sprinters everyone expected as in 1984 he contracted grass sickness, a rare disease that has no treatment and is always fatal. (In later years this disease would also claim Dubai Millennium and Mister Baileys.)

In the Pantheon of great sprinters down the years, very few had such scorching pace or could have troubled one of the best at his very best...the magnificent Moorestyle. **RA**

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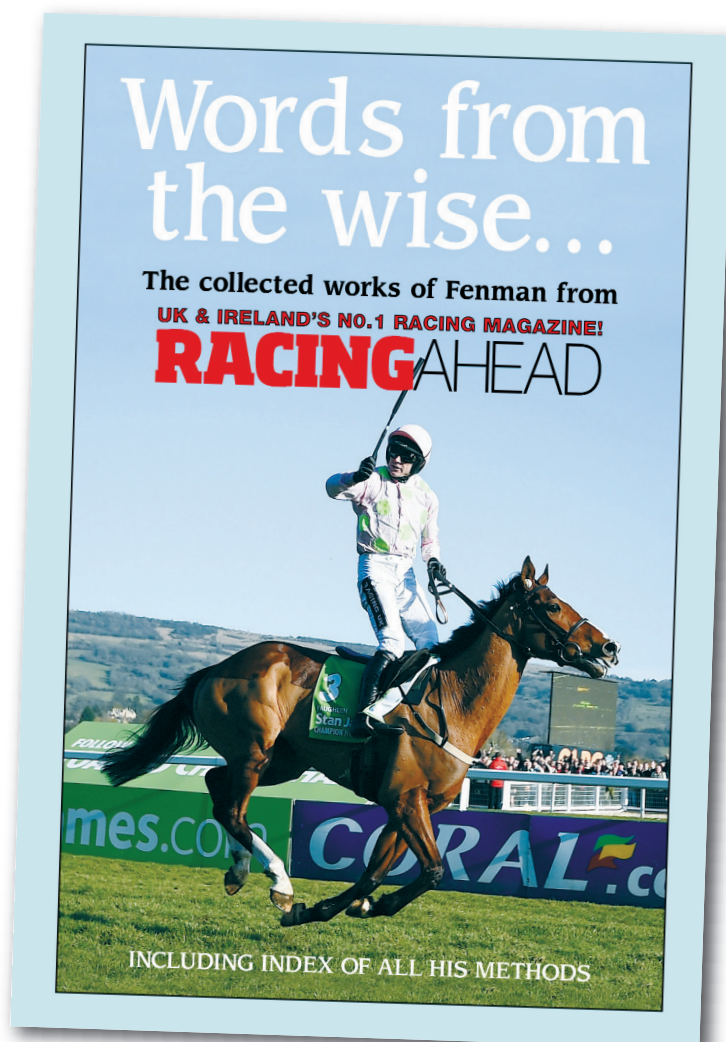
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WANT TO BE AN OWNER? AIM HIGH!

Paul Costello tells how to tackle ownership

As it says on their website, Imperial Racing aims to offer their members inside access to the highest level of National Hunt and Flat horse racing in the UK and Ireland. Given that Imperial Commander won the biggest prize of all, they can't be accused of miss-selling.

Not only did Nigel Twiston-Davies' Flemensfirth gelding win the 2010 Gold Cup, but he also took his owners to the festival on three other occasions, winning the Ryanair Chase in 2009. He won at Cheltenham no fewer than six times in all, with the 2008 Paddy Power Gold Cup another day to remember for the members of this syndicate.

This season, Imperial Racing once again has horses in training with dual Grand National winning trainer Twiston-Davies (four to be precise), as well as with the upwardly mobile Fergal O'Brien, and Gordon Elliott, a trainer who continues to go from strength to strength with each passing season.

Horses currently available for syndica-



tion include a Scorpion four-year-old, a lovely looking four-year-old by Milan (both of which are out of Supreme Leader mares), and a three-year-old Kalinisi gelding - that sire did particularly well with his progeny in bumpers last term, with Grade 2 winner Barbers Hill flying the flag.

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| OBrien J P | 261 | 59 | 23% | 26.05 | 117 | 45% | Byrne S W | 39 | 7 | 18% | 29.33 | 12 | 31% |
| Carberry P | 535 | 118 | 22% | 27.19 | 226 | 42% | Merrigan Paddy | 74 | 13 | 18% | 20.53 | 30 | 41% |
| Seston Mr M | 18 | 4 | 22% | 23.5 | 8 | 44% | Skelton Harry | 137 | 24 | 18% | 39.28 | 53 | 39% |
| Walton Miss C | 18 | 4 | 22% | 43 | 6 | 33% | Carberry P J | 11 | 2 | 18% | 14 | 2 | 18% |
| Stephens R | 34 | 7 | 21% | 25.88 | 11 | 32% | Newman Mr J | 28 | 5 | 18% | -2.5 | 12 | 43% |
| McMahon Mr P J | 14 | 3 | 21% | 8.5 | 5 | 36% | McGovern C J | 11 | 2 | 18% | -1.75 | 2 | 18% |
| Ajtebi Ahmed | 75 | 16 | 21% | 43.83 | 28 | 37% | Thornton Robert | 440 | 73 | 17% | -100.1 | 174 | 40% |
| Johnson Richard | 1015 | 205 | 20% | -110.58 | 465 | 46% | Williams Mr Nick | 23 | 4 | 17% | -2.75 | 9 | 39% |
| Soumillon C | 25 | 5 | 20% | 5.74 | 8 | 32% | Power Mr K E | 48 | 8 | 17% | 15.43 | 18 | 38% |
| Best Tom | 10 | 2 | 20% | 0.5 | 4 | 40% | Murtagh J | 552 | 94 | 17% | 0.6 | 224 | 41% |

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| Trainer | Runs | Wins | Win% | £1bet | Places | Place% | Trainer | Bets | Wins | Win% | £1bet | Places | Place% |
|----------------------|------|------|------|---------|--------|--------|--------------------|------|------|------|---------|--------|--------|
| Taylor Mrs L C | 12 | 4 | 33% | 10.38 | 7 | 58% | Needham J L | 10 | 2 | 20% | -4.34 | 3 | 30% |
| McGuinness F F | 12 | 4 | 33% | 33 | 4 | 33% | Fleming A | 20 | 4 | 20% | -9.17 | 7 | 35% |
| Meade M | 22 | 7 | 32% | 67.32 | 11 | 50% | OHare Michael | 41 | 8 | 20% | 6 | 13 | 32% |
| Gubby B | 34 | 10 | 29% | 59 | 15 | 44% | Clifford V | 10 | 2 | 20% | 19 | 3 | 30% |
| Nicholls P F | 618 | 173 | 28% | -48.19 | 315 | 51% | Whittington H | 10 | 2 | 20% | 21.5 | 2 | 20% |
| Coffey Donal | 11 | 3 | 27% | 16 | 3 | 27% | OBrien A P | 901 | 175 | 19% | -111.26 | 397 | 44% |
| Honeyball A J | 77 | 20 | 26% | 54.34 | 40 | 52% | Harris P W | 85 | 16 | 19% | 77.25 | 32 | 38% |
| Winters Michael | 47 | 12 | 26% | 1.62 | 18 | 38% | Egerton C R | 108 | 20 | 19% | 10.23 | 38 | 35% |
| Cyzer H J | 12 | 3 | 25% | 13 | 6 | 50% | Mullins W P | 407 | 76 | 19% | -84.56 | 166 | 41% |
| Price J K | 12 | 3 | 25% | 30 | 4 | 33% | King A | 475 | 88 | 19% | -52.05 | 203 | 43% |
| Charlton J I A | 21 | 5 | 24% | 9.66 | 10 | 48% | Hogan P | 16 | 3 | 19% | 25 | 4 | 25% |
| Suroor Saeed Bin | 862 | 211 | 24% | -7.53 | 404 | 47% | Kidd Colin | 21 | 4 | 19% | 42 | 7 | 33% |
| Henderson N J | 242 | 58 | 24% | 46.33 | 110 | 45% | Coyle Tony | 79 | 15 | 19% | 10.46 | 28 | 35% |
| Ferguson J P | 68 | 16 | 24% | 5.56 | 33 | 49% | Stoute Sir Michael | 692 | 124 | 18% | -45.4 | 275 | 40% |
| Charalambous P | 22 | 5 | 23% | 6.41 | 8 | 36% | Naughton Mrs A M | 11 | 2 | 18% | 19 | 2 | 18% |
| Fry Harry | 26 | 6 | 23% | 9 | 14 | 54% | West Miss Sheena | 95 | 17 | 18% | 16.3 | 38 | 40% |
| King J S | 27 | 6 | 22% | 11.68 | 13 | 48% | Curley B J | 66 | 12 | 18% | 4.21 | 20 | 30% |
| Chance Noel T | 59 | 13 | 22% | -8.5 | 21 | 36% | Lavelle Miss E C | 285 | 50 | 18% | 17.4 | 102 | 36% |
| Tallis Patrick | 18 | 4 | 22% | 13.1 | 4 | 22% | Thompson Ronald | 11 | 2 | 18% | 4.5 | 3 | 27% |
| Longsdon C E | 321 | 72 | 22% | -39.98 | 145 | 45% | Browne Miss G | 11 | 2 | 18% | -1 | 4 | 36% |
| Walker Ed | 79 | 17 | 22% | 8.01 | 36 | 46% | Hamilton B R | 22 | 4 | 18% | 10 | 10 | 45% |
| Cann J G | 14 | 3 | 21% | 6.8 | 7 | 50% | Botti M | 290 | 53 | 18% | 47.3 | 113 | 39% |
| Twiston-Davies N A | 762 | 161 | 21% | 112.94 | 339 | 44% | Hynds Noel G | 11 | 2 | 18% | 15 | 2 | 18% |
| OConnor Michael John | 19 | 4 | 21% | 9 | 9 | 47% | Squance M D | 45 | 8 | 18% | 46.83 | 11 | 24% |
| Meade Noel | 761 | 149 | 20% | -106.39 | 332 | 44% | Al Zarooni Mahmood | 159 | 28 | 18% | -3.1 | 70 | 44% |
| Hobbs P J | 746 | 152 | 20% | -25.53 | 335 | 45% | Varian Roger | 193 | 35 | 18% | 31.23 | 74 | 38% |
| Johnson J Howard | 333 | 65 | 20% | -22.47 | 132 | 40% | Webb G | 11 | 2 | 18% | 3.5 | 4 | 36% |
| Cunningham W S | 10 | 2 | 20% | 0 | 3 | 30% | Skelton Daniel | 62 | 11 | 18% | -7.6 | 24 | 39% |
| Duffy Patrick J | 10 | 2 | 20% | 4.5 | 4 | 40% | Nosedá J | 391 | 66 | 17% | 4.94 | 160 | 41% |



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